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CONRAD GIRL A WILDCAT KITTEN

Prosecution in Stokes Case Says She Is the Most Astounding Girl He Ever Saw

STOKES IS RESTING EASIER
Miss Graham's Friend Called Master Mind of Fearful Blackmail Plot

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Although W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire proprietor of the Hotel Ansonia, was reported today to be resting easier, it was admitted that he still was in a critical condition. His physicians say it will be some time before the crisis is ended.

The concluding arguments in the trial of Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, charged with shooting Stokes, were made today, and it is altogether likely that the young women will know their fate before night.

The two young women appeared very nervous when they reached the court room today for Assistant District Attorney Buckner, leading the prosecution, had said he would not spare them in his remarks to the jury.

Attorney Moore, for the defense, said that in his hurry to close yesterday, he had forgotten an important point, and he asked for a few minutes. This was granted.

Bullets in Pocket
"I told you yesterday," he said to the jury, "that I believed the bullets found in Stokes' coat pocket and the bullet that passed through his hat were fakes. Now I want to tell you why."

Moore produced a photograph of the apartments where Stokes was shot, and pointed to the jurors marks in the walls where five bullets had found lodgment. The revolver of the girls showed that only six bullets had been fired.

The surgeons took that sixth bullet out of the leg of W. E. D. Stokes," said Moore. "Nok, I leave it to you to determine how five bullets could have been found in the walls by the police, and the sixth in Stokes' leg by the doctors—and yet one pass through Stokes' hat and still another be found in Stokes' coat pocket—especially gentlemen, when only six shots were discharged."

Then Moore, looking well pleased, sat down.
Buckner immediately followed. Buckner's arraignment of the young women was most severe.

The assistant district attorney paid particular attention to Ethel Conrad, whom he declared was "the master mind" in the plot to blackmail Stokes out of \$25,000.

The Master Mind
"The master mind in this whole fearful mess," he shouted, "came upon the scene about May first—Ethel Conrad, the most remarkable woman I have ever seen, and I hope I shall never see another like her. Only 19 years of age, gentlemen; only 19—think of it! She is the most astounding combination of kitten and wildcat I ever knew. Will you let her get away with this case, gentlemen? If she gets away with this at 19, what will she be doing when she is 25?"

Miss Conrad faced Buckner with a look of defiance, her eyes narrowed down to mere slits. Miss Graham wept.

HARMON DECLINES BID
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Governor Harmon of Ohio and Governor Marshall of Indiana have declined invitations to the "Jackson day" banquet here January 8, for a convocation of democratic presidential possibilities. Speaker Clark, Alton B. Parker, and Representative Underwood have promised to speak.

WEATHER
For La Crosse and vicinity: Unsettled but generally fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

For Wisconsin: Mostly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.

For Minnesota: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday; somewhat colder northeast portion.

For Iowa: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.

Weather Notes
Moderate to heavy rain has been quite general during the past 24 hours from Texas to the lower lake region and north Atlantic states and continues at many stations this morning. Light snow has fallen throughout the northwest and it is snowing this morning in South Dakota and western Minnesota; and raining in the north Pacific states. The temperature changes have been generally small. A storm is central off the south of the Mississippi valley and another low is developing in British Columbia while a shallow depression is central over Wisconsin and Lake Superior. An area of high pressure is moving off the north Atlantic coast and another high is central over the plateau region.

LA FOLLETTE SEES GOOD IN UNIONS

Says McNamara Affair Will Purge and Strengthen Cause of Organized Labor

WOULD APPLY GOLDEN RULE
Says Christmas is Time to Give Christ's Teachings Application To Industry

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Under the caption "Is Peace Possible?" Senator La Follette, in the leading editorial in "La Follette's" urges abolition of the conditions that produced the McNamara type of labor leaders and a reformation of modern industry, suggesting that perhaps the "Golden Rule" scheme may map out a new way of settlement.

"Labor, as a class," the editorial says, "has not been, and is not now getting what it is justly entitled to. It may have to continue fighting (of course without violence) for its deserts. . . . At this Christmas time, let us seriously consider if Christ's teachings may not be given an every-day application to industry."

The editorial declares:
"The case of the McNamaras against the people is ended. What now? Labor unions themselves are making answer to that question. They are demanding that the dynamiters, the criminals, be scourged out of the unions and brought to the bar of justice. The rank and file are showing no quarter to those who may be found violating their confidences, outraging their trust. Violence will not be tolerated. And this determination but strengthens the position of the unions. The McNamara case can no more injure unionism than the Ruff case could injure popular government."

The remedy, concluded the senator, lies in abolishing the conditions that produce the Ruffs and the McNamaras.

MINE HERO IS KILLED
MAN WHO LEAD RELIEF COMMITTEE AT BRICEVILLE, IS ELECTROCUTED AT FIRE IN TOWN

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Thomas Watts, head of the Briceville mine disaster relief committee, was electrocuted early today while leading a fight on a fire in the town of Coal Creek, of which he was mayor. Coal Creek is four miles from Briceville.

The fire was in an undertaker's establishment. Watts had climbed to the tin roof of an adjoining building which had come in contact with a live wire. He died instantly.

The fire that has raged in the Cross Mountain mine for forty-eight hours, was extinguished this morning. Rescue parties penetrated further into the mine and discovered six bodies, making the total of known dead sixty-seven. All hopes of finding any more men in the mine alive have been given up.

HINES TESTIFIES AGAIN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Edward Hines, Chicago lumber magnate, testified before the Lorimer investigating committee today, denying that he sat in a private room in the Union League club, March 27, 1909, and discussed raising \$100,000 in connection with Lorimer's election.

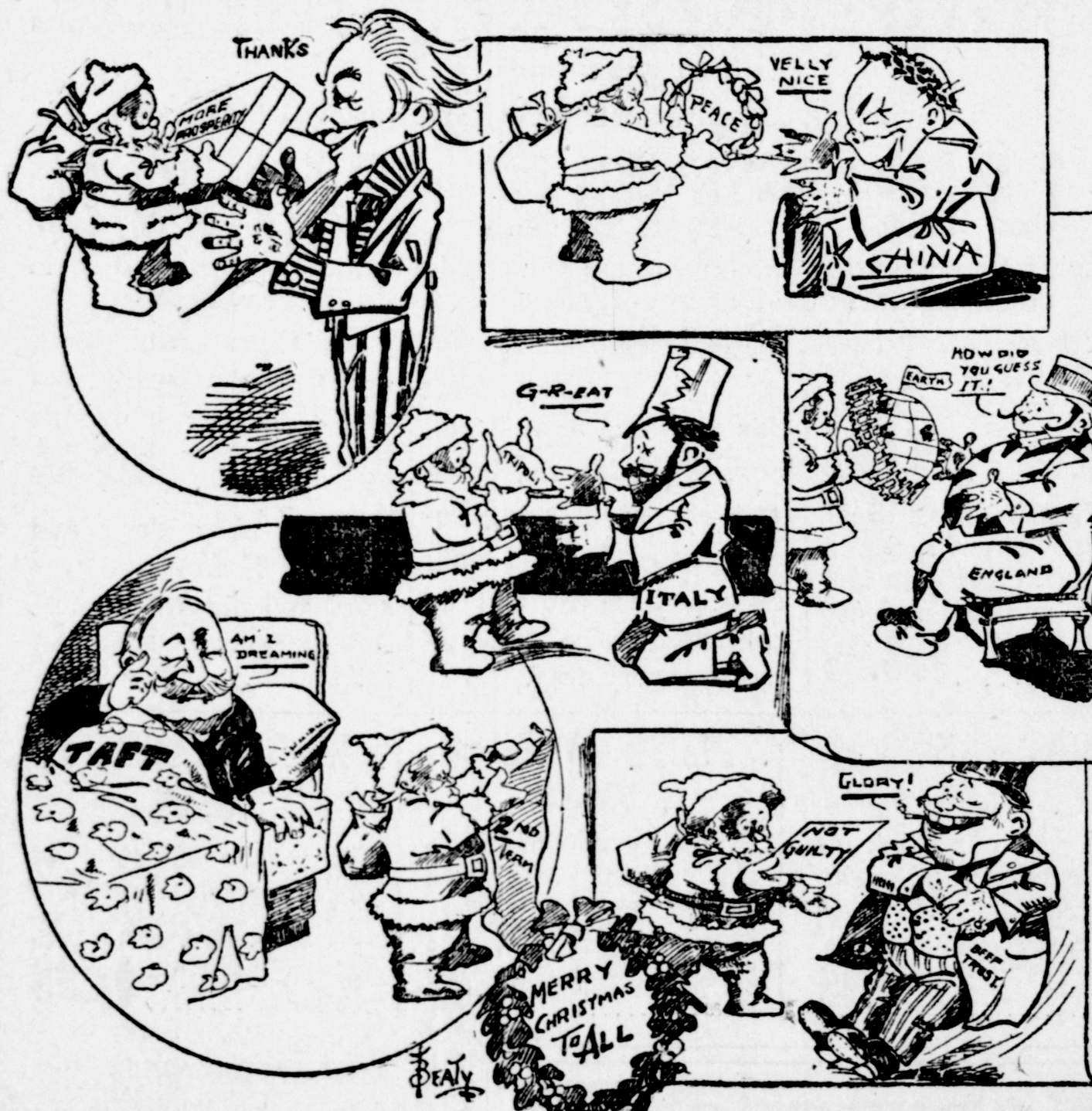
"Manny" Abrams, bellwether in the vote that elected Lorimer was called. He said that he had made up his mind to vote for Lorimer when he heard that Browne and other democrats had decided to vote for him.

ONLY \$29,000,000 LEFT
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—If Mrs. E. H. Harriman, who was left \$149,000,000 by her husband, had given away all the money asked in six thousand begging letters she had received, she would have left only \$29,000,000, according to figures given out today by the bureau of municipal research. So great was the press of these begging letters that Mrs. Harriman turned them over to the bureau in the hope that a scientific system of charities might be developed by which needy persons and institutions might be helped.

ICE TRUST FINED \$5000
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The American Ice company, founded by Charles W. Morse, now in the federal prison at Atlanta, appeared in the criminal branch of the supreme court today, through its attorney, John B. Stansfield, and paid a fine of \$5,000. The company was found guilty in 1909 on the charge of maintaining a monopoly.

OHIO TOWN HAS BIG FIRE
MOUNT VERNON, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Fire early today swept a portion of the business section of Mount Vernon, destroying one business block and damaging many others. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Some Christmas Suggestions That Might Prove Satisfactory.



DYNAMITE PROBE HELD IN SECRET

Government Determines to Forestall Any Possible Repetition of Bribery Incident

CALL McNAMARA SECRETARY
San Francisco Labor Leader Said to Be Willing to Confess if Given Immunity

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—"This is a secret investigation, and it will be conducted as a secret investigation should be."

This was all United States Attorney Charles W. Miller would say today when asked as to the developments in the dynamite conspiracy inquiry. Other officials were equally uncommunicative and armed deputies guarded the jury room.

Government officials loosened up enough, however, to vouchsafe the information that there will be no indictments singly during the course of the investigation. Such indictments as are brought will be returned simultaneously at the close of the inquiry, probably about the last of January.

McNamara's Secretary
About half a dozen witnesses were examined today. Among these was Miss Mary Dye, former confidential secretary to John J. McNamara.

It is intimated today that the extraordinary efforts the government is taking to keep newspapermen and other outsiders away from the floor upon which the investigation is being conducted is due, primarily to a fear lest some ulterior influence can be brought to bear upon witnesses or members of the jury.

It seems that the authorities are determined to forestall any possible repetition of the Los Angeles bribery incident.

Frisco Man to Confess?
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Reports that a certain San Francisco labor leader suspected to complicity in the McNamara dynamite, is preparing to confess were current about the federal grand jury room today. It was asserted that this man is merely holding out for a guarantee of immunity. Neither District Attorney Fredericks nor Special Assistant Attorney General Lawler, would discuss the case, but both admitted that an important development was likely at any time.

Samuel Browne, chief detective for District Attorney Fredericks, today served formal notice on the Burns detectives that he would claim claim one-half of the rewards, totalling \$67,000 offered for the conviction of the Times dynamiters. He will waive only the rewards offered for their arrest. Browns claimed his evidence was so complete that no Burns evidence was necessary to convict the brothers.

500 WOULD BE HIS WIFE
WILKESBARRS, Pa., Dec. 15.—W. J. Thomas, a farmer, advertised for a wife. Five hundred women want the job, and Thomas has given up the idea of marrying.

CITY ASSESSOR DEFIES POLICE

Colorado Governor Considers Calling Out Troops to Settle Trouble in Denver

HE REFUSES TO BE OUSTED
Former Official Declares Successor Was Appointed Illegally; Demands Injunction

DENVER, Col., Dec. 15.—His office guarded by half a hundred policemen and with Governor Shafroth considering the advisability of ordering out troops to prevent further disorder, City Assessor P. E. Hiltz assumed his job today. For four hours yesterday Henry J. Arnold resisted all efforts on the part of a hundred policemen to eject him from his assessorship.

Mayor Speer's appointment of Hiltz as Arnold's successor was called illegal. Trouble is feared today as Arnold has a strong following.

The trouble is an outgrowth of the recent decision of the U. S. supreme court upholding the contention of the city and county governments when Mayor Speer selected appointees to the places formerly occupied by officers under the county. Hiltz was selected to succeed Arnold. The latter contended that since the legality of his office had not been passed upon, he would refuse to be ousted.

Governor Shafroth told the United Press early today that he and the principal officers of the National guard had held a conference for several hours beginning at midnight and had concluded that it was not necessary to order out troops. Assessor Arnold will make no effort to recover his office by force, said the governor, but will go into court and demand an injunction restraining Hiltz from taking possession.

Immediately after the supervisors confirmed the appointment of Hiltz last night, Hiltz went before Judge Riddle of the district court, who administered the oath of office.

It developed today that, acting under the constitution plan the mayor yesterday appointed Judge Ben Lindsay to act as juvenile judge under the city and county. The constitution plan makes no provision for the juvenile court and the appointment of Lindsay was made to avoid legal entanglements which might follow an attempt to oust him.

ELIOT IS COMFORTABLE
KANDY, Ceylon, Dec. 15.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, operated on here several days ago for appendicitis, is resting comfortably and the physicians report that his progress is favorable.

\$2,000,000 CONTRACT LET
CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 15.—Contract for construction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad company's projected \$2,000,000 shops here was today awarded to the Westinghouse Church-Kerr company of Chicago and New York.

PERSIANS REFUSE TO OUST SHUSTER

Russia and England Denounced For Eviction of Citizens By Cossacks; Many Are Frozen

GREAT BRITAIN BOYCOTTED
American Hailed as Only Barrier Between Persia and the "Wolves"

TEHERAN, Dec. 15.—News from Kasbin that the Russian soldiers had turned more than 4,000 Persians out of their homes to make quarters for the czar's troops is bitterly denounced in mass meetings today. Speakers are exhorting citizens to remain loyal to Shuster, the American treasurer-general and are denouncing England almost as bitterly as Russia.

Great indignation was caused here today by the receipt of a telegram from Kasbin saying that several of the evicted Persians had frozen to death in the snow last night. Also it was stated that the lives of police officers were threatened by the Russian soldiers.

A deputation waited upon members of parliament today urging them to pay no heed to the czar's ultimatum concerning Shuster.

Assurances were given that parliament had no intention of rescinding their former action when they refused to dismiss Shuster.

The boycott against Great Britain is growing. The feeling is general that had not Sir Edward Grey, British minister of foreign affairs, backed up Russia in her ultimatum, a compromise would have been effected.

Shopkeepers in the south refuse to supply the British consular guards with food.

Shuster today received by telegraph a divine blessing from the chief priest of Isfahan, in which the priest declares Islam is being attacked from every point by Christians, and that Shuster is the one Christian who is standing between Persia and the "wolves."

HIDES MONEY IN EUROPE
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Stella Wilson, wife of Col. C. C. Wilson, president of the United Wireless company, convicted for misuse of the mails, today admitted before Commissioner Alexander in proceedings to ascertain the whereabouts of the company's assets that she had heard that her husband had more than \$450,000 stowed away in European banks. Mrs. Wilson was Wilson's stenographer, and was married to him the day he was indicted. She could not tell the names of any of the banks.

PACKERS' BIDS HELD UP
LONDON, Dec. 15.—It is reported here today that the war office has informed the agent of an American packer that until the trial of ten millionaire packers is concluded in Chicago, none of the firms involved will be invited to tender bids for furnishing supplies to the British army.

ENGLAND FEARS POSTAL STRIKE

General Walkout is Threatened in Demand For Better Wages and Hours

UNION HAS 90,000 MEMBERS
Christmas Mails Will Be Tied up Unless Government Takes Immediate Action

LONDON, Dec. 15.—England is excited today over the threat of a general strike of postal employees throughout Great Britain which would tie up the Christmas mails. The six great postal unions, with a combined membership of nearly 90,000, which have hitherto been unable to agree on concerted action, are now presenting a solid front, demanding immediate improvement of wages and hours. Postmaster General Herbert Samuel told the men that he would take up the question in 1913 but the men refused. They claim that this would result in no action before 1915 and by that time there may be a change of government.

Premier Asquith refuses to receive a deputation of postoffice employees, and the men insist that unless the government relents speedily, they will walk out. A complete tie-up of mails and telegrams would result.

In an interview with a representative of the United Press today, Secretary W. B. Cheesman of the sorters at London, said: "The cost of living increases every day, but postoffice employees are receiving the same salaries that they did thirty years ago. Then there has been a tremendous 'speeding up' in the department, and the work has increased so that the men are unable to keep up the pace. We have hundreds of cases of nervous breakdown every year. In one large office where 500 men are employed, sixty were incapacitated within twelve months. The number will increase, too, for the tension is becoming intolerable."

LEWIS CLAIMS ELECTION
BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, Dec. 15.—From scattering official returns of the election of the United Miners today received today Tom L. Lewis, former president, claims he will be elected to his old office, over John P. White, by a majority of 40,000. The gains in Ohio and Pennsylvania average 50 per cent, Lewis asserts.

ARREST EXPENSIVE TO CITY
GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 15.—Following the unwarranted arrest and detention of a British sailor, thus causing him to miss his ship, British Consul Percival, today obtained an order from the city auditor for the sailor's traveling expenses to New York, where he met his ship and also for the time he missed while from work.

TESTIMONY TO BE TAKEN SOON
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Testimony both in proof and refutation of the contempt of court charges against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison, officers of the American Federation of Labor, must be taken within the next forty days, according to an order issued today by Justice Wright in the district supreme court.

MRS. VERMILYA RECOVERS
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Cook county grand jury this afternoon began its investigation of the poison deaths which the police suspect were caused by the pepper box ministrations of Mrs. Louise Vermilya. Mrs. Vermilya, almost recovered from her recent attack of paralysis, will probably attend the funeral of her father on Sunday, under police guard.

JUROR'S ESCAPE COST BOTH SDES \$75,000
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Seventy-five thousand dollars was today estimated as the cost of Juror Harry Waldron's escape over the transom of his room at the Centropolis hotel last Monday morning, that being the sum expended by both sides in obtaining a jury in the second Hyde trial, paying lawyers' fees and other court expenses. All this money was lost by reason of the ordering of a new trial by Judge Porterfield, following Waldron's symptoms of insanity upon his return yesterday.

While it is held that Waldron is insane, it is not believed that he is dangerous and Judge Porterfield gave orders that he was to be allowed to go free to return to the "sunshine, home and friends," which he said he craved.

Dr. Hyde is also free on a \$50,000 bond waiting his third trial January 7.

FLAYS TRIBUNE AND MORRIS IN HEATED ATTACK

Wolfe Arraigns Witnesses for City and Calls All the Charges a "Frame-up"

SCHUBERT OUTLINES CASE
In Unemotional Statement to Commission, City Attorney Analyzes Case in Opening

SECRECY AS TO "BOB" \$15
Commission Hears Explanation, but Schubert and Mahoney Decline to Be Present

Both sides in the police graft investigation rested this morning and final arguments in the case, which has stirred the interest of the entire municipality, were begun before the fire and police commission this afternoon.

Part of Hearing Secret
Preceding the continuation of the open hearing this morning the commission held a secret meeting behind locked doors at which time, it is said, McGrath made a statement relative to the mysterious "Bob" money. What the defendant told the commission or how he explained the strange fifteen dollar Christmas present he made John Wendling may never be known by the public. It involves a highly respectable La Crosse family, assert attorneys for the defense, whose good name couldn't be dragged into the police investigation.

Attorneys Wolfe and Schubert yesterday announced that they would take part in no secret meeting and as a result were not in attendance when McGrath is said to have made his statement this morning.

Dugan on the Stand
Larry Dugan, captain of police, was put on the stand this morning by the prosecution and described the location of the rooms in the resort conducted by the late Louise La Brie. His story made it plain that Burt Scott could have witnessed the "deathbed touch" of Yoltan as alleged by Scott on the witness stand. The commission viewed the rough diagram of Dugan with great interest and it was submitted as evidence.

Never Put in Charge
Recalled by Attorney Hughes for the defense Detective McGrath this morning denied that he was ever put in charge of the redlight district but said he had been ordered by Mayor Ori J. Sorensen to "pay special attention" to the tenderloin. He also declared that he had specific instructions regarding the tenderloin from Chief Webber and that the latter informed him that he must instruct all new girls to report to the station.

Replying to Commissioner Woodward the defendant said that they, Yoltan and McGrath, usually called on Monday nights and that this regular visit was a part of the instructions to them by Mayor Sorensen.

After arguments from both sides it was decided to adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon when the final arguments were made.

Attacks Morris and Tribune
That Lieutenant Governor Thomas Morris was "dragged" into signing the petition for a grand jury and that by signing it he exercised miserable judgment if he was not actuated by bad motives was one of the opening statements thundered at the fire and police commission by Attorney Wolfe.

Attorney Wolfe's opening address in defense of the detective was a vitriolic attack on what he claimed was the part of a certain newspaper, meaning "The Tribune," played in the proceedings and a scorching speech in which he flayed the action of the men who signed the petition for a grand jury.

"Of course," he shouted, "men high in politics are not always accountable for what they do. They must have publicity and they attempt to get it at any cost. They probably, when they signed the petition for a grand jury, had a mental picture of Governor Falk, or our own governor, who have gone up the ladder of fame through investigation. Consequently they pounced upon two simple detectives."

The Tribune Again
This "certain newspaper" he declared, had been "after the police for years and that they never left an opportunity returned to get in a crack at the department or the men employed by the department."

He declared that the whole "deal" was a frameup and that Frank Scott, after his last arrest and fine, met Mr. Kidder of The Tribune, was taken by him to The Tribune office and there held a lengthy conference with the editor where the charges were framed up.

In his opening statement to the commission this afternoon Attorney Schubert declared that the duty of prosecuting this case was a disagreeable one but that he believed a thorough and open probe of the graft charges was due the people and that

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Christmas Suggestions

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in brown or black, also
separate muffs and scarfs.
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up from

Fine French Lynx Sets,
with fancy shawl and new
style muff, lined with fan-
cy silks and satin. Very
special at per **\$10.98**
set

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this season: Jap Mink,
Fox, Wolf, Martin, Opos-
sum, etc., at very reason-
able prices. We sell only
Furs that we can and do
guarantee to be satisfac-
tory in every way.

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latest model scarf and
muff, fine French blend, a
truly great val- **\$20.00**
ue at per set ...

Finest quality Black and
Gray Wolf Sets — Large
scarf and big fluffy muff.
A very special **\$25.00**
set at

WAISTS. A Sale at
\$2.98

Choice of our fine line
of silk and lace waists,
all new this fall, nobby at-
tractive styles in all colors.
Sold up to
\$5.00. Choice **\$2.98**
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Special \$2.98

200 fine silk petticoats,
in black and colors, wide
full flounce, with deep dust
ruffle; a real
\$3.98 quality. Special at **\$2.98**
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shades, beautifully made and
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TO PROBE CHARGE OF PROSECUTION

Governors of the Western
States Charge U. S. Agents
with Baseless Suits
Against Settlers

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Persecution of settlers in western states by federal agents, both of the interior and agricultural departments which governors on the "governors' special" now touring the east repeatedly charged while in Chicago will be investigated. The executives of the western states corroborated the general assertions of Louis W. Hill who pointed to the active assistance given to settlers in western Canada in contrast to what Uncle Sam does. They were considerably embarrassed while attending the Chicago land show by the prominence of the Canadian exhibit of the products and resources of British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, together with the exhibit of the Canadian government which was thronged with visitors. Literature which was given out by the Canadian Northern railroad which traverses the provinces represented among the exhibits stated that 625,000 citizens of the United States have gone to Canada during the last few years. The governors on the whole were considerably startled. "The west is being throttled because of this so-called conservatism," said Gov. Hawley. "Out in my state we find special agents of the interior and department of agriculture filling the courts with baseless prosecutions. They are out there endeavoring to make reputation for themselves. They start prosecutions against persons who should not be prosecuted and then assistant attorney generals are sent out from the east to fight the cases in the courts. We ask for home rule. We ask that the government's present attitude end. It is necessary that this evil be stopped." Gov. Morris asserted the stopping of the developments of the resources of the western states places a burden on eastern industry. The fact that Canada has appointed a special commissioner, Arthur Hawkes, formerly industrial commissioner for the Canadian Northern, to investigate what can be added to free trade, clean seed and government creameries that provide immediate cash income to settlers was spoken of to illustrate the shortcomings of Uncle Sam. The commissioner is making personal inquiry of settlers in Central Alberta as to things needed to increase their comfort and prosperity.

ENRIGHT WILL APPEAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Maurice (Moss) Enright, under sentence of life imprisonment for murdering Vincent Altman, was denied a motion to vacate sentence today, by Judge McSweeney. His counsel said he would ask supreme court of Illinois to grant a stay pending an appeal. Enright was the leader of an alleged gang of labor sluggers.

Some women are so changeable they never wear the same complexion twice.

VETERANS OF "LOST CAUSE" PASS AWAY

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 15.—At the rate the Confederate veterans and pensioners are dying throughout the state, it will not be many years before there will be no more need for an appropriation for Confederate pensions. According to the manner of determining the deaths by the department, there has been an average of between 200 and 300 deaths among the veterans during each three months. For the present quarter, however, the number of deaths has reached 700 or more.

Several weeks before the warrants are issued the department sends out an affidavit to be made by the pensioner, and there have been upward of 12,000 sent in within that period, but there are a little over 700 affidavits that have not been returned executed as required by law. It is true there are usually a number of new applicants, but these appear to be confined almost exclusively to the widows of indigent veterans, who under the pension law as amended, are entitled to pensions.

MUST DRESS CUPID, SAYS JUDGE NEELEN

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 15.—The billboard advertising portraying Cupid wearing an air of nonchalance—nothing more, shooting arrows into the hearts of a couple inside a huge wedding ring, resulted in the arraignment in district court of a local firm of jewelers on the charge of displaying to public view, pictures of nude forms. Judge Neelen decided that Cupid must be dressed by December 18. Scores of the billboard are located about the city.

PERSIA MAY OUST SHUSTER

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Special dispatches from St. Petersburg announce that Persia has decided to dismiss W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general and to indemnify Russia to confirm the dispatches at Teheran failed. Doubt it expressed here that Persia has decided upon such a course.

A man will stand for a few hard knocks if his neighbor is getting his with an axe.
And some of our oldest colleges still retain their faculties.

'BAD MAN' TALKS TO CIGAR STORE WOMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the Lorimer investigation today, Katherine A. Wood, owner of the cigar stand in an East St. Louis hotel, repeated conversations she had with Charles A. White, in the spring of 1910. She testified that White said he would "make that Lorimer bunch pay him enough money to keep him all his life." She suggested to him that he might get into trouble and be sent to the penitentiary. She said he replied "No, I have rich friends in Chicago who will take care of me. They've got it in for Lorimer." White sought to give her the impression that he was a bad man.

Queer Place for Wedding Ring.

A merchant at Aberdeen, N. S. W., while cutting a cheese the other day found that his knife was stopped by something hard. On investigating he saw that its progress was barred by a heavy gold wedding ring.

The majority of umbrella thieves are borrowers in disguise.
Many a man's success is due to his ability to use other men's brains.

AMERICAN KILLS SEVENTEEN BANDITS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—Dispatches from Oaxaca today report that John Wilkinson, an American, single-handed, killed seventeen of twenty-eight bandits who attacked him at the Golondrina mine. Wilkinson is reported to have used a shotgun and to have escaped unscathed, being well barricaded.

Metal Adaptable for Airships.
The new metal known as Liege metal is said to be 40 per cent. lighter than aluminum, which makes it particularly useful for airships.

Not All Succeed.
One hears a great deal of the country boys who make good in the great cities, but there are a number of others who go there and get less publicity.—Atchison Globe.

Mental Hurt Added.
What makes a sore toe hurt worse is for the man who steps on it to walk away without apologizing.

SHOULD BOYCOTT LONG HOUR STORE

Industrial Commission Asks
Public to Stop Trading
with Stores that
Break Law

DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

People Should Prevent Vio-
lation of Woman Labor
Law by Early
Shopping

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—In an effort to enforce the ten-hour law for women, the industrial commission of Wisconsin has issued a special appeal for early Christmas shopping, suggesting that buyers "cut" those merchants who do not live up to the law. The commission says:
"The industrial commission of Wisconsin earnestly requests all holiday shoppers to help employers, employees and the commission in carrying out the ten-hour law for women wage-earners and the child labor law. The law limits the hours of women to ten each day and fifty-five each week, and forty-eight each week if they work at night. Children between 14 and 16 are permitted to work eight hours a day if they have a permit. Children under 14 are prohibited from working.
"Shoppers will find lists of women and children employees posted in each establishment, with the hours of beginning and stopping work, and these lists should be looked for, as failure to post them is a violation of law. These hours should be carefully observed, and shoppers should time their visits as early as possible.
"The laws protecting women and children workers are among the most important on the statute books. The women's ten-hour law of Oregon, which is similar to that of Wisconsin, has been sustained by the supreme court of the United States in one of the great opinions of that court. The court based its opinion on abundant testimony of the medical fraternity that continuous standing for a long time on her feet at work, repeating this from day to day, tends to injurious effects on the body, and as healthy mothers are essential to vigorous offspring, the physical well-being of woman becomes an object of public interest and care in order to preserve the strength and vigor of the race.
"The ten-hour law in Wisconsin has been eagerly welcomed by thousands of women workers, and is being conscientiously observed by the best employers. Any employer who does not observe it is not only injuring his own employees but is competing unfairly with other employers who are law-abiding and public spirited.
"Christmas shoppers, above all others, should not throw their patronage to merchants who violate this law and thereby punish those who try to live up to it. Remember that it is just as easy for customers to be considerate of the women and children who serve them as it is selfish to impose on their health and comfort. Shop early in the month, early in the week and early in the day."

Cough Coming? Turn it Back

with
ROYAL
COUGH DROPS



Stop That Tickle
For Just a Nickel
For sale at Drugists, Grocers, Candy Stores
Royal Candy Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

DRAWING PACKERS' JURY LONG PROCESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The monotonous process of choosing a jury to try the ten millionaire packers on charges of criminal conspiracy in violation of the Sherman law, continued today. With only a dozen members of the members of the second venire still remaining, it was believed that a third panel would be necessary before the twelve arbitrators could be chosen. Attorney Buckingham, for the defense, injected the high cost of bringing into his examination of possible jurors today. He asked Venetian, Charles Pohlman, a farmer of Manhattan, Ill., whether in the event that the issue of increasing food cost was brought into the case, that Pohlman would be able to render his decision purely on the evidence. Pohlman said he could.

Recognizing People.
Data have been gathered in Germany with reference to the distance at which persons may be recognized by their faces and figures. If one has good eyes, the Germans claim, one cannot recognize a person whom he has seen only once at a greater distance than 82 feet. If the person is well known to one, one may recognize him at 300 feet and if it is a member of one's family, even at 100 feet.—Scientific American.

No Wedding Presents.
Those who are opposed to the giving of wedding presents will hail with approval the step taken by a very wealthy Chicago society girl. When her wedding invitations were issued they contained this sentence: "It is a special request that no gifts shall be sent." Probably there are others who will follow her example.

Making Use of Street Rubbish.
At Southwark, London, and at St. Ouen, France, street rubbish is transformed into a marketable product. At Southwark all the refuse is crushed to a powder, which is sold as a manure. At St. Ouen the powder thus made, with the addition of combustible substances, is formed into a cheap fuel.

FRED HEIL SHOE COMPANY

TO THOSE WHO HAVE PUT OFF GIFT BUYING

This store is the ideal place to come, for here you will find a great variety of the most desired gifts of all—good things for all feet. You can't go wrong by giving footwear—it's always welcome particularly the quality kind we sell. Every pair of shoes or slippers sold will be cheerfully exchanged after Christmas.

Read Carefully this Lot of Appropriate Presents

Skating Shoes; Slippers; Juliets, Felt Slippers with felt or leather soles; Bath Slippers; Pumps for men; Ladies' Pumps, black and colors, patent or suede; Party Slippers, pink, blue, white; Bedroom Slippers; House Slippers; Kimona Slippers; Fur Trimmed Juliets in all colors; Felt Slippers, felt or leather soles; Carriage Boots; Dress Shoes in black or tan; Infants' Carriage Boots, and a brand new line of Christmas Soft Sole Shoes just arrived. We are showing the very latest novelty in men's footwear, the "Foot-Glove" or Tourist Slipper. This is positively the latest thing in novelty footwear, and is creating a sensation wherever shown. See them in our window at the special price of \$1.50. Also Indian Moccasins for men, women and children. See the window.

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precipitate a royal funeral another
martyr of punk and pigweed will no
doubt find a niche in Westminster.

THINGS THAT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED

It was unfortunate for Joseph McGrath that the character of the explanation which he offers for the incident in which Officer Wendling's testimony involved him in the handling of a mysterious \$15 "from Bob" was such as to impel him to secrecy so far as the public is concerned. Even in the face of circumstances tending to question the sincerity of such protestations, the reason advanced (that publicity might disrupt a home) was calculated to appeal to humane men, and we can sympathize with the motives that actuated the commission in granting his request, for sentiment is rather stronger than law in the secret souls of very good men.

The reason why a public explanation of this incident would have been much better is that the item was one of the most important in the charges, that it was substantiated by the word of a witness whose testimony in relation to every other fact was friendly to McGrath, and whose conclusions, admitted as evidence, were favorable to the accused—in one instance to the extent of a rather ludicrous assertion that for an entire week he was so constantly and closely associated with the detective that it would have been impossible for anyone to have "slipped him" a "piece of money" without witness detecting the act.

Naturally, as Wendling does not belong to that class of witnesses whose testimony is questioned by those who measure veracity by morality, and as his one damaging statement, among many favorable ones, is the only statement challenged by the defense, there is considerable interest as to what may have accounted for the accusing affair.

By the way, Messrs. McGrath and Yoltan having, they say, at various times been tendered money by denizens of the dens, and the detectives having with contemptuous scorn rejected these indecent proposals, it may be fair to ask why none of these attempted bribes (which are crimes) was reported to Chief Webber or (following precedent) to the commission? Why, for instance, did neither McGrath or Wendling report the attempted bribery in front of the Hub saloon, which they charge to Frank Scott?

CHOLERA SERUM FOR HOGS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—To prevent the spread of hog cholera which has been prevalent in Wisconsin recently, Dr. F. B. Hadley of the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin has been directing demonstrations in the infected district to show the use and value of hog cholera vaccination. The serum is not a cure for hogs already infected but is being used effectively as a preventive.

GOVERNORS GO TO ST. PAUL

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Vice President Fairbanks. After ed here today on their special train and were taken on a sightseeing trip by a committee headed by Governor Marshall, Mayor Shank and Former Vice President Fairbanks. After reaching Indianapolis, the governors decided to go to St. Paul from this city, instead of St. Louis as originally intended.

BRIDE IS RELUCTANT

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Dec. 15.—After Emma Wolf had driven up to the minister's house four times in three hours, each time declining at the last moment to be married, she finally consented to become the bride of James Jennings.

BRYAN CAUSE OF BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The recent shipwreck of William J. Bryan and his family in southern waters was the basis for a bill introduced today by Senator Hitchcock (Dem., Neb.) requiring every steamer to carry two wireless operators instead of one.

WANTS BUNKS IN CAPITOL

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—William Essman, state superintendent of public property, will suggest to the next legislature that the state establish sleeping apartments in Wisconsin's new \$10,000,000 capitol for use of members of committees, commissions, boards and game wardens who come here at the state's expense and run up big hotel bills. Essman says such an apartment would save the state thousands of dollars annually.

MOROS GET U. S. WARNING

MANILA, Dec. 15.—Brigadier General John J. Pershing today issued an ultimatum to the Moro outlaws ordering them to deliver their arms by Saturday. Unless the Moros obey, another punitive expedition will be sent against them.

If your boy did not want to get up in the morning and you went after him with the rod, would that make the sun rise.

If a team of horses slipped on the icy pavement, would you call them a pair of slippers.

Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

To Bugs Raymond

Writing under the title of "A Raymond Requiem," Grantland Rice uses the following verse relative to Bugs: "I wonder who's treating him now?"

I wonder who's saying 'Here's how'—
I wonder who's standing against the rail—

Blowing the kale—rushing the pall?—
I wonder who's leading our Bugs Up to bottles and jugs?
I wonder if he ever gets off a spree,
I wonder who's soused with him now?

—Evening Wisconsin.

A Judge's Story

One must learn to sympathize with domestic frailties. I was rebuking a man the other day for heating up his wife in what was only an absurd story but one in which I could see he had no belief.

"You should really be more careful," I said, "and I tell you candidly I don't believe a word of your wife's story."

"You may do as yer like," he said mournfully, "but I've got to."—Parry's "Judgments in Vacation."

Rastus—What yo' tink is de matter wif me, doctah?
Doctor—Oh, nothing but the chicken pox, I guess.

Rastus (getting nervous)—I declare on mah honah, doctah, I ain't been nowhar I could ketch dat!—Medical Times.

Easily Answered

"These kids I teach aren't a bit slow," observed a school teacher yesterday. "In fact, I'm afraid they read the papers. The other day I proposed the following problem to my arithmetic class:

"A rich man dies and leaves \$1,000,000. One-fifth is to go to his wife, one-sixth to his son, one-seventh to his daughter, one-eighth to his brother, and the rest to foreign missions. What does each get?"

"A lawyer," said the littlest boy in the class promptly.—Case and Comment.

Why Clarence Hesitated

"What's your name, little boy?" asked the teacher.

"I'll have to write it for you, ma'am," said the new boy, hesitatingly.

"I think not. My hearing is quite good. Your name, please?"

"I'd rather not tell you."

"Are you ashamed of your name?"

"No, ma'am, but—"

"Then we will not waste any more time, if you please. I am waiting."

The boy began desperately:

"Kuk-kuk-kuk Clarence! That's my first name. The other is Pup-pup-pup Perkins! I never stutter 'cept when I'm speaking my name, and when I'm nagged like this I'm a whole lot worse, ma'am."—Housekeeper.

Lacked Experience

Philadelphia Times.—A story which dated back to the last Bryn Mawr horse show is being told of a very popular young woman. She is an excellent tennis player and can paddle a canoe most gracefully, but the Bryn Mawr show was her first attendance at an exhibition of thoroughbreds.

"Are you a good judge of horse-flesh?" inquired one of her friends from New York.

"Oh, my dear, I don't know; I should say not, I never tasted any," she said.

The Spoils of War

Howard.—And so two of your sons are Boy Scouts? Where do they do most of their reconnoitering?

Mrs. Coward.—In our refrigerator.—Life.

Where He Put His Savings

As the new district visitor looked at Mr. Leahy and noted his determined chin, she had a momentary sensation of reluctance to question him, but she overcame it, and began her appointed task.

Where do you deposit your wages, Mr. Leahy, if you have no objection to telling me? she asked. "I am trying to interest the neighborhood in the excellent People's bank, lately started."

"Sure, I'd as soon tell you as not," said Mr. Leahy, cheerfully.

"This tin dollars a week I earn. When I've paid the rent, the provision an' grocery bills, an' the milkman, an' bought what's needed for 'Celia an' me an' the five children, I deposit the rest of the money in barr'ls, ma'am."

"I use sugar barr'ls, mostly. They're a bit larger, an' so holds more. But when I can't get them I make shift wid plain flour barr'ls."

ENDS LONG SERVICE OF CHURCH WORK

After forty years' service as superintendent of the Sunday school classes of the First Congregational church, John M. Holley, Sr., brought his connection with the church in that capacity to a close Wednesday evening when he handed in his resignation at the annual meeting of the Congregational society.

Other officers elected were: President, George W. Burton. Trustees, C. J. Felber, G. R. Montague, Judge John Brindley.

Clerk, John P. Bird. Treasurer, F. G. Tiffany.

Deacon, J. M. Holley, Sr. Deaconesses, Mrs. E. D. Loomis, Mrs. Forbes, re-elected.

Clerk of the church, Prof. A. H. Sanford.

Treasurer, J. M. Holley, Jr. Members of pastoral committee, F. M. Egbert and J. H. Martin.

Assistant superintendent, Mrs. C. H. Schweizer.

Bethany mission, E. D. Loomis. Assistant superintendent Bethany mission, John James.



DEC 15
Dear Santa
Talk about getting rattled
Pa's hair just stood on end when Ma was giving him the steam she intended to get out of him was not going to put it off until the last minute either. Shop early as Leo Motto Jimmy

THEATRE NEWS
Just a week before Lincoln Beachey thrilled the world by flying over Niagara Falls, he made another record in the history of aviation which he considered far more perilous. The scene of the exploit was Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he operated a motion camera exclusively for Lyman H. Howe while simultaneously operating his aeroplane. The experiment has been tried repeatedly by foreign film manufacturers but always without success. The flights in Wilkesbarre will go on record as the first flights during which excellent motion scenes were photographed direct from the aeroplane.

Imagine yourself turning a handle vertically with the left hand and a steering wheel back and forth with the other, while all the time you are darting through the air at great altitudes when a false move any instant would spell disaster, and you can better realize just what Beachey did. All these efforts were richly rewarded by a series of animated scenes which shows every spectator just what Beachey saw. They impart the same exhilarating sensation he felt while flying high over the city, and show just how the city, its streets, parks, notable buildings, railroads, etc., look as seen from the clouds. Another portion shows how the river—dotted with numerous row boats and bridges crowded with spectators, looked. Then, too, it shows how the open country—fields, farms, woods, etc., appear to the aviator. These scenes together with many other big new features will be reproduced at the La Crosse theater tonight and tomorrow, afternoon and evening.

A Married Woman's
Right to Rule
(Tila Ellis in The Arch)
"It is cruel to say it, but only the woman who takes care to preserve her youthful charm has a right to rule her husband's heart. She would never neglect her hair or complexion."

"The hair can be kept light and fluffy and beautifully lustrous by dry shampooing. Mix four ounces of therox with four ounces of powdered orris root or four ounces of cornmeal, whichever you prefer. Sprinkle on the head and brush through the hair."

"To keep the skin soft and lovely, and prevent the growth of hair gently massage the face, neck and arms daily with a solution made by dissolving an original package of mayatone in eight ounces of witch hazel. This is better than powder."

"Mother's Salve will remove chaps, cold sores, eczema and skin eruptions. It is a reliable cure for coughs, colds and catarrh, as well the best salve for sores, cuts, burns and scalds."

MUSEUM OF DAILY FACTS AND FREAKS

Baby Needs Much Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Arthur Hinkley, aged 5, simply cannot subsist on \$5,000 a year and his mother has asked the court to fix his income at \$15,000 from the \$2,000,000 estate left by his father.

Defectives Increase Fast

NEW YORK.—According to Dr. H. H. Goddard of the New Jersey State School for Feeble Minded, defectives increase twice as fast as normal minded persons.

Get Forgiveness But That's All

NEW YORK.—"They have my forgiveness, but they'll have to scratch for themselves," said George Waters, wealthy ship builder, when told his 20 year old daughter had eloped with an 18 year old youth who is poor.

Man Nearly Food for Geese

NEW YORK.—Climbing a fence at Prospect park, Charles Gunkel slipped and hung head downward for half an hour, fiercely attacked all the time by a flock of wild Canadian geese inside the enclosure.

Advertises Appeal to Burglars

CHICAGO.—Arthur L. Lynn advertised in local papers today an appeal to "All Burglars and Second Story Men" not to again rob his flat for six months. He says three robberies have cleaned him out.

News Boy Leaves \$25,000

CHICAGO.—George Bennett, 65, "dean of the loop newsmen," is dead, and the public administrator found that his estate will amount to \$25,000. He lived in squalid surroundings and dressed in rags.

Christmas Turkeys Cheap

CHICAGO.—Housewives may expect cheap turkeys for Christmas dinner, according to the prediction of Chicago commission houses.

Brave Fireman Saves Life

CHICAGO.—Brave firemen fighting the flames at the Quin hotel blanching with horror when cries of help resounded from the blaze. Patrolman McGuire dashed into the fire—and rescued one small green parrot.

French Chef for Dog

NEW YORK.—A magnificent little brass bed, covered with lace and silk, has been provided by Mrs. J. B. Martin for her pet Pomeranian during his illness. A French chef prepares the dog's meals.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont is Waitress

NEW YORK.—Many young women who dined in the restaurant of the political equality league, did not know that their "waitress" was Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, millionaire patroness of the establishment.

Eleanor Colley Honored

LONDON.—Eleanor Colley has been admitted to fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons, the first woman ever to be thus honored.

Refuse to Discard Corsets

NEW YORK.—Girl students of the Erasmus high school, a co-educational institution, are up in arms because of the order to appear in the gym in future without corsets. They refuse to obey.

Renounces Titles for Girl

VIENNA.—Archduke Henry Ferdinand has renounced all rights and titles in the Austrian courts that he might marry, it is said, a girl who is not of royal rank.

STATE HIGHWAYS PLANNED

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 15.—Bids will be opened by the county board on January 5 for the construction of three state highways in Winona county under the provisions of the Elwell law passed by the last legislature.

The three roads to be constructed embrace about twenty miles in all, and extend from Winona down the river through Homer to La Moille, from Winona over the Stockton hill to Stockton and then south from there to Almon; from the end of the present macadam in East Brown valley up the valley to the ridge.

As shown by the last tax levy, the aggregate gross income of the inhabitants of the British isles amounted for the year to \$5,045,000,000.

Wheat Grading

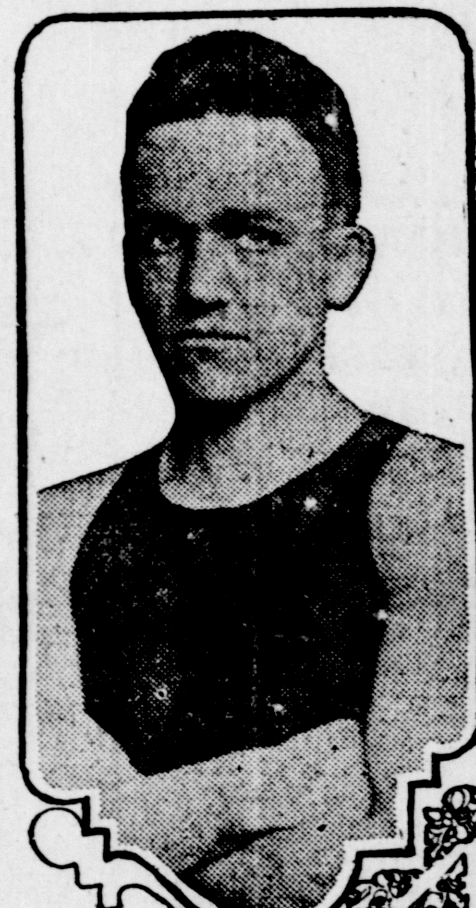
is very particular business and most important in flour milling—that wheat be clean and sound—

Wheat selected for **MARVEL FLOUR** after thorough cleaning—passes through hundreds of rolls in being ground to the uniform degree of fineness required—

The Milling of **MARVEL FLOUR** requires thirty-two separate and distinct processes, hundreds of sieves clothed with special silk, made exclusively in Switzerland and imported to this Country, innumerable machines of marvelous ingenuity all co-operate to make **MARVEL FLOUR** the best flour milled from wheat.—Save the coupons—one with every package.

Listman Mill Company

JUMPS INTO LIME LIGHT OVER NIGHT



"MIKE" GIBBONS

SA. PAUL, Minn.—The mediocre career of "Mike" Gibbons of this city in the pugilistic field has been most astonishing, particularly to those who had not known his quality before the sensational fight with the California heavyweight, Walter Coffey. Gibbons now lays claim to the welter weight championship and has been acclaimed the greatest fighter of his weight for the past fifteen years.

TAFT 1; LA FOLLETTE 26

WINDOM, Minn., Dec. 15.—The Cottonwood County Citizen has started a straw vote contest on Taft and La Follette as presidential candidates, and at the present time the vote stands: Taft, 1; La Follette, 26. The country seems to be more enthusiastic than the villages, as about two-thirds of the votes come by mail from the country.

NORTHWEST NEWS

BOY LOSES ARM IN CORN SHREDDER

WAUKON, Iowa, Dec. 15.—The deadly corn shredder again got in its work in this vicinity yesterday, when Ed. Helming, son of Mrs. Conrad Helming, of Ludlow township, had his left arm taken off about two inches below the elbow. The boy was watching the machine at work and his hand was caught by the teeth. He stood firm while the machine pulled off his arm, and it was only by exerting his strength that he was kept from being pulled into the machine. Drs. Huecker and Lewis, of this city, were called and attended the injured arm.

HINCKLEY FIRE HERO DIES

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—James Root died Tuesday in an obscure rooming house at 217 East Seventy-seventh street, New York. Jim Root, an engineer of a passenger train on the old St. Paul & Duluth Short line, saved the lives of more than 300 persons when Hinckley and other towns in Northern Minnesota were destroyed by the tornado of fire that swept that district September 1, 1894, and in Hinckley alone caused the death of more than 500 people.

The walls of the room in which Root died were literally covered with newspaper clippings, poems, magazine articles and pictures recounting the heroism of the man.

FATHER KILLED IN STRUGGLE

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 15.—Wiley Doty, aged 55, was instantly killed yesterday while wrestling with his daughter for the possession of a rifle which he was using to drive his son from his farm.

The gun was accidentally discharged while the young woman was trying to take it from her enraged father.

P. NEWBURG

USEFUL XMAS GIFTS

HOLEPROOF HOSE
in Christmas Boxes.

FOR "HIM"

HOLEPROOF HOSE
in Christmas Boxes.

Buy him something practical---Something he can wear---and watch him smile on Christmas Morning.

A THOUSAND GIFTS TO MAKE "HIM" HAPPY.



BATH ROBES AND SMOKING JACKETS

Exquisite rich colors — a handsome gift, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.50, \$9.00 to... \$10.00

TRAVELING BAGS AND SUIT CASES

An enormous assortment — Black, dark or light Tan — Leather lined, Cowhide, Walrus or Seal, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$10.00 and... \$12.50

BEAUTIFUL UMBRELLAS

Exquisite handles, \$1 to \$5



CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR

New holiday colorings—rich silks—in holly boxes, at... 50c, 75c and \$1.00

An enormous assortment—not in boxes... 25c

HOLEPROOF HOSE

In Pretty Christmas Boxes for Men and Women. All colors.

Men's, per pair .25c and 50c Guaranteed for 6 months.

Women's, per pair .35c, 50c Guaranteed for 6 months.

Silk, box of 3 pair... \$2.00 Guaranteed for 3 months.

SWEATER COATS

For men, women and children—all styles, all weaves, all shades, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$5 Union Suits... \$1.00 to \$4.50 Boys' Suits... \$2.00 to \$10 Flannel Shirts \$1.00 to \$3.00 Or may be a beautiful Kuppenheimer Suit or Overcoat would make him happy.

HOLIDAY MUFFLERS

Beautiful silks—all shades. In pretty boxes 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50... \$3.00

DETACHABLE FUR COLLARS

Muskrat or Beaver, \$4.00 to \$6.00

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS

Cotton, Linen, Silk, or Silk, with initial or without, colored or plain, .10c, 15c, 25c, 50c and... \$1.00

COLLAR BAGS

Mocha or Kid, Silk lined, at... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

TRAVELING SETS

Military Brushes, Combs, etc... \$3.50 to \$5.00



BEAUTIFUL SHIRTS

Especially selected for holiday trade, 50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2

SUPERB COMBINATION SETS

Consisting of Cravat, Silk Handkerchief and a pair Silk Hose; exactly matched in colors. All in a pretty box... \$1.00 and \$1.50

HOLIDAY SUSPENDERS

In holly boxes, 18k gold mountings... \$1.00 Suspender Combination Sets — Suspenders, Garters and Armbands in a pretty box... 50c and 75c

BEAUTIFUL FUR CAPS.

Seal and Near Seal, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50 to \$15.00

TIE RINGS

A pretty gift... 50c and 75c



CHRISTMAS GLOVES

Adler's or Perrins' French make—Kid or Mocha—Silk lined or unlined, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50

Flannel, Wool or Fur lined, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$3.50

CUFF LINKS, SCARF PINS, ETC.

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MAN AND WIFE ARE MURDERED AT HOME

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., Dec. 15.—Armed posses are pursuing two masked men who murdered Charles Dixon and his wife in their home at Fallston, Cleveland county. A lynching is sure to follow the capture of the men.

Dixon, who was a relative of Thomas Dixon, the playwright, was called to his barn by masked men, who cut his throat. Returning to the house, they cut Mrs. Dixon's throat and left her for dead. Then they ransacked the house, but found only \$50.

Mrs. Dixon was able to give an accurate description of the men before she died.

MRS. PATTERSON TROUBLED SANDOVAL, Ill., Dec. 15.—Although the family of Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson, recently acquitted in Denver of the murder of her husband, would give out no information today regarding her present residence except it be that she has gone to Cincinnati to visit relatives named Junge. She left here on an eastbound train, presumably because she could not find in a small town the "peace and absence of notoriety" she said she desired.

FORMER SULTAN OF TURKEY VERY ILL

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Abdul Hamid is critically ill, little hope being held out for his recovery, according to a dispatch from Constantinople. The sultan's condition became so serious today that he was removed from his prison at Salonika to Constantinople.

\$2,500 FOR EACH MAN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 15.—A jury in federal court here yesterday awarded the Halley-Ola Coal company \$30,507.72 damages against the Globe Oil company of Cleveland, for losses occasioned in a mine explosion at Halleyville, Okla., August 26, 1908.

The verdict, according to attorneys, places the damage for twenty-nine men killed at \$2,500 each and for mules killed in the same mine at \$150 each.

The coal company alleges that the oil concern had furnished inflammable oils and was therefore responsible for the explosion.

Seeing that the Ringling Bros. have wild animals in their show, would you say that they were engaged in a beastly business?

STRANDED STEAMER MAY GO TO PIECES

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 15.—Tugs are attempting to approach the wrecked steamer Delhi for the purpose of rescuing the mails and \$1,500,000 in bullion which are still aboard the grounded ship. The gale, after dying down somewhat during the night, increased in violence and it is feared the Delhi will break up.

GOVERNORS ON WAY BACK

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 15.—"The governors' special," carrying eight western executives, arrived in Columbus yesterday. The visiting party was welcomed by Governor Harmon, and escorted by Troop B, was taken to the Ohio state university grounds, where short speeches were made. At 1:30 the governors departed for Dayton.

RACINE VETERAN DEAD

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 15.—John Schmidt Kamp, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1857 and fought through the civil war, died at Burlington Wednesday evening at the age of 85 years. He is survived by seven children and a score of grandchildren.

FORMER MAYOR IS GUILTY OF THEFT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—James Marcell, charged with having stolen over \$2,000 from the M. Phillips store, was found guilty of grand larceny in the first degree by a jury in Judge Booth's court last night. The alleged crime was committed on April 30, 1910.

Marcell was born near Highland, Kas., of highly respected parents. At the age of 22 he organized a bank at Highland, which he served as cashier for eight years with the full confidence of the community. He was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school, contributed to various religious institutions and for a time was mayor of the town.

Marcell's troubles are said to have begun in 1904 when he was arrested while on his way to Kansas City, charged with irregularities. He served a term of four years in the Kansas state penitentiary.

REYES FOUND AGAIN

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Galena, Mex., is the latest place General Bernardo Reyes has been "positively identified," he is reported to be preparing a pet revolution which he will spring next Sunday.

BADGER POST IS REFUSED BY COOLEY

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—State Supt. C. P. Cary received a telegram from Prof. E. G. Cooley, formerly superintendent of the Chicago school system, saying that he could not accept an appointment as assistant superintendent of Wisconsin, in charge of industrial education as he could not secure release from his contract with the Chicago Commercial club which will not expire until next August.

The Wisconsin industrial education board will hold a meeting in Madison on Dec. 19 to consider the organization of a system of industrial education for this state.

CENSUS TAKEN IN CEMETERY

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 15.—Bostonians are patting themselves on the back today because Dr. Harvey N. Wiley, government food expert, declared in a speech Wednesday before the City club that he believed the reason St. Louis was bigger than Boston was because the census takers there visited the cemetery.

When a man gets too old to walk, would you say that he has reached the cab-age?

JOHN NOBLE HEADS YEOMEN OF AMERICA

The Yeomen of America held their usual "good time" party Wednesday afternoon at K. P. hall which was well attended, prizes being taken by Mrs. F. Wiggert, Mrs. Carl Rosenberg, Mrs. George DeWolf and Mrs. Close. Election of officers for the ensuing year was the feature of the evening, the result as follows:

Officers:
President—John W. Noble.
Past President—H. Buelow.
Vice president—Margaret Wiggert.
Chaplain—Jessie M. Ender.
Chancellor—John Koblit.
Vice chancellor—Bertha Moevs.
Secretary—Laura Hussey.
Corresponding secretary—Mayme Forster.

Treasurer—Dr. J. A. Winters.
Guide—Bruno Wagner.
Associate guide—Berdie Hass.
Sentinel—S. Tilley.
Guard—William Hauswirth.
One new trustee—William Moevs.
The usual "after meeting" dance was very much enjoyed, music being furnished by the Y. of A. orchestra directed by Miss Mayme Forster.

If Constance Collier is the real thing is William Faversham?

JURY REFUSES TO OBEY JUDGE'S ORDER

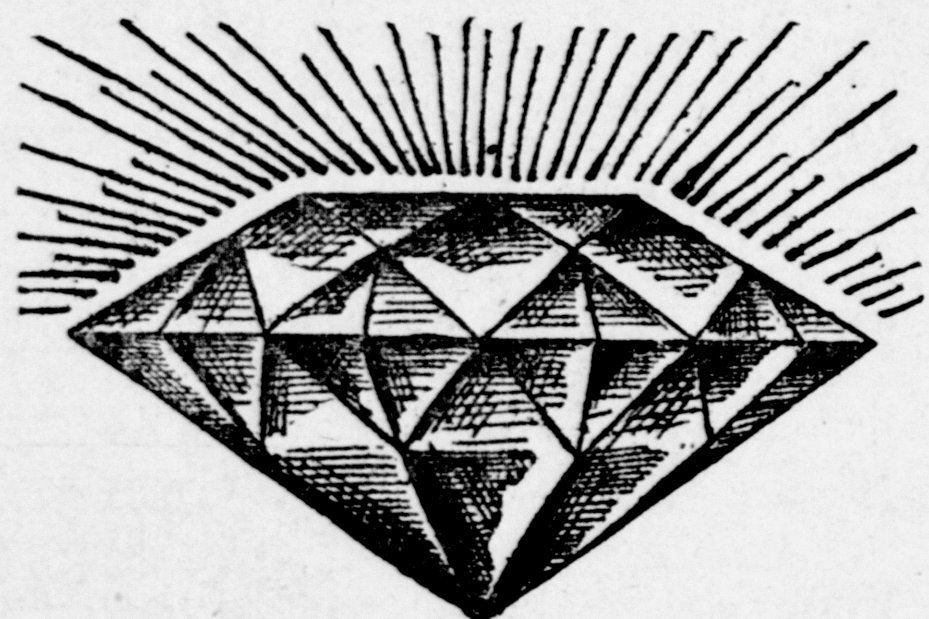
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14.—Forty-four hours after refusing to obey Circuit Judge James E. Withrow's instructions to return a verdict for the defendant in a well contested suit, twelve jurors reported in court today, apparently determined to "stand on their rights as American citizens," and persist in refusing to sign a verdict which they declared was contrary to their convictions. Judge Withrow sent them back to the jury room, after again explaining that the responsibility rested on his shoulders. He added that they could stay out until they agreed to do as he told them.

TRAINS COLLIDE IN FOG

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Half a score of passengers on the Omaha express and the Freeport Limited, of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad system, were severely shaken up and two train employees slightly injured, in a rear-end collision. The collision was due to a heavy fog. The fog caused many collisions on the steam and electric lines.

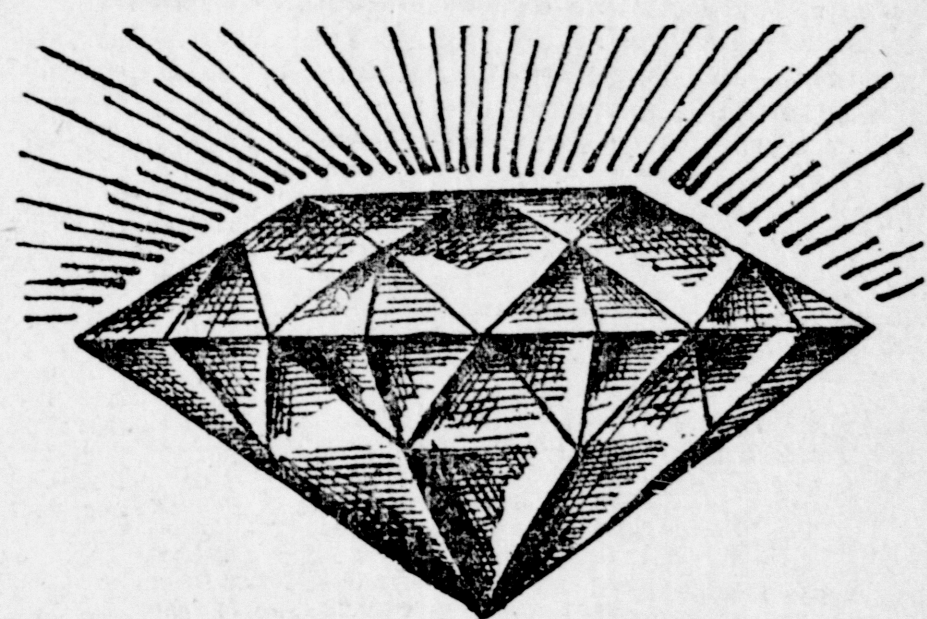
Japan has more than five hundred earthquakes in the course of a year.

Geo. B. Rose



DIAMOND DAY

Don't Miss DIAMOND DAY, the new ROSE
Holiday Carnival—Remember
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20,
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OUR Diamond trade is the biggest in the Northwest, and it is growing rapidly. Particularly during the Christmas rush is our demand great, and anticipating the convenience of our Diamond patrons we have decided to facilitate the display, to establish a "DIAMOND DAY" which will be hereafter an annual event in this store.

NEXT Wednesday, DIAMOND DAY, the immense stock of diamonds, a fortune in rare gems, will be on display. It will be a complete assortment both as to size and variety. Our ablest salespeople will be placed at the service of Diamond buyers. The fullest information to aid the judgment of the patron will be afforded. It will be our aim to assist the shopper in every way, to the end that judicious investments, satisfactory to both store and customer, may be made.

IN addition to the opportunity thus presented, the shading of prices down to that narrow margin of profit which a big sale like this makes possible, DIAMOND DAY will be a splendid entertainment for visitors at the store. The display will be the largest, most rare and costly ever seen in La Crosse. Lovers of exquisite gems will find delight in viewing them, and all are cordially invited.

A DIAMOND, bought right, is the most satisfactory of presents. It is an investment, as good as a government bond. Should the person to whom it is given be in need one day—and time may bring need to the door of any man or woman—it is as good as a certificate of deposit. No other gift can be turned into cash at or near first value. The piano becomes "second hand" and loses two-thirds of its cash value. The Diamond alone NEVER BECOMES "SECOND HAND." People who bought diamonds ten years ago could sell them now at a big profit. People understand this, and that is why there is a constantly growing tendency to select Diamonds as Christmas gifts. A diamond is a pleasure for today and an insurance policy for tomorrow.

BUT a Diamond cannot be sold right unless the store buys it right. The dealer who pays 20 per cent too much, must charge the patron 20 per cent too much. Our expert buying enables us to undersell all competition. The confidence the public reposes in us is based upon the fact that we buy right and sell right, the customer getting a double benefit.

So remember that Wednesday, Dec. 20, is Diamond Day at the big jewelry store of

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MILITARY SERVICE FOR WOMEN

DUSSELDORF, Germany, Dec. 15.—At a meeting of the Patriotic Women's union here Privy Medical Councillor Dr. Witzel urged compulsory military service for women, declaring that members of the fair sex were badly needed in the hospital, provisioning and clothing departments. The suffragettes greeted the suggestion with cheers.

APPRAISE RINGLING ESTATE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Russell Jackson, deputy attorney general, and John Harrington of the state tax commission, have gone to Baraboo where they will appraise the estate of the late Otto Ringling, owner of one-fifth interest in the property of the Ringling Brothers' circus.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 15.—Engineer HERNICKEL and brakeman F. C. RHEINHARD were killed, and several trainmen injured by the explosion of the boiler of a freight engine here yesterday.

Just because a man tells his horse to stop that is not saying that he is "The Man With the Hoe."

NEW PARTY MAY BE ORGANIZED

New Political Organization
Favored at Business
Men's Convention;
Steps Taken

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Business men throughout the nation may be urged to form a new political party to fight for legislation which will quiet present industrial unrest, reform the currency system, force peace between capital and labor, and institute a business men's administration of affairs, according to significant action taken here yesterday by the resolutions committee of the National Business congress.

After nearly an entire day's discussion by delegates the resolutions committee reported on a resolution, authorizing the president, George Sheldon, to appoint a suitable committee to formulate a declaration of principles and purposes which will reflect the necessities and demands of the commercial, industrial and business interests of our country.

This committee, it was plainly understood, was to act as a "campaign committee" for the business men. Delegates admitted that the committee was expected to report also whether the leaders of the two present parties were amenable to the policies advocated by them, and if not to take measures for creation of a brand new party.

TO ACCUSE TRUST OFFICIALS

VALPARAISO, Ind., Dec. 15.—The tenor of questions asked veniremen in the trial of Walter Gibson, Gary councillor, accused of bribery in connection with the letting of a heating franchise, has indicated that the defense plans to accuse the Gary officials of the United States Steel corporation with the animus of prosecution. Creation of public sentiment that would cost Mayor Knotts and the councillors their offices, will be alleged as the purpose. Today the selection of a jury continued.

LIGHTEST AUTO ENGINE

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 15.—Aug. Kratochvil has invented what he claims to be the lightest automobile engine in the world, a gasoline machine that weighs but 180 pounds and will develop sixty horsepower.

ASK LOWER CABLE RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—W. A. Mears of Seattle has appealed to the house military committee in behalf of the business men of Seattle and Portland for a 50 per cent reduction in rates on the government cable.

FLOWER OF ARMY PARADES FOR GEORGE

DELHI, Dec. 15.—The flower of the British army in India was reviewed by King George. More than 51,000 British and native regular troops and native levies marched past the royal pavilion.

General Sir O'Moore Creigh was in command of the review which consisted of three infantry divisions, three cavalry brigades, 1,000 volunteers and 7,000 of the imperial service troops or representatives of the "private armies" of the native rulers. Tommy Atkins was cheered as lustily as the king and queen.

Following the review, the royal party attended the army football final. A state reception and investiture also was held, at which Kaiser Hind medals and decorations, such as the insignia of the Star of India, and Indian Empire orders, were bestowed upon high officials and native rulers.

In France, postage stamps are sold at all tobacconists' shops, which also have pillar boxes to receive letters for the post.

SEATTLE TO GOLF BOULEVARD PLAN

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 15.—(Special).—A highway of vitrified brick through mountains and over prairie from Seattle, Wash., to the Gulf of Mexico is the dream of a western organization headed by John Brisbane Walker, founder of the Cosmopolitan magazine. At Denver actual work on the highway is under way, the state of Colorado having appropriated \$10,000,000 for the work. A stretch of the road 150 miles in length is being constructed south of Denver.

Mr. Walker recently made a trip through that part of Texas to be crossed by the proposed highway. It is proposed to enter the highway into Texas from Colorado near Texline, thence in a straight line south through Houston to the Gulf of Mexico. Harris county, of which Houston is the county seat, already has constructed her part of the road, it being represented in 40 of the 300 miles of boulevards leading from all parts of the county to Houston.

If a man bought a dozen alarm clocks, would he dwell in the midst of alarms

GOOD LUCK IN CRAP GAME KILLS NEGRO

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 15.—(Special).—A negro might easily be expected to make one, two, three, four or even five straight "passes with the bones" on an investment of a nickel and still retain his composure. If the number of "passes" is increased to eight he could be excused for shedding his coat and doing a little perspiring, but when the number is increased to eleven straight, sudden death would be possible, and this is what happened, if reports of a negro crap game are true.

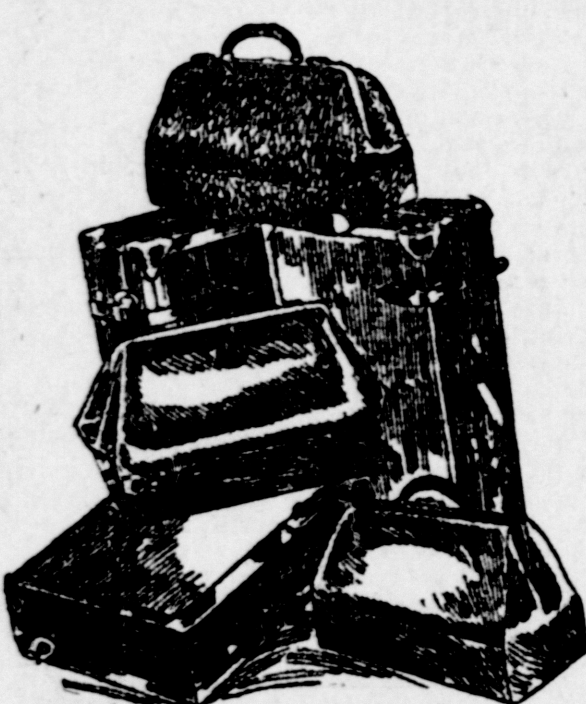
It was a nickel ante game and there was plenty of money in the crowd for a payday had been enjoyed.

On the tenth successive throw there was on the table the equivalent of \$51.10, and with a wild look of do or die the negro took the dice in his trembling hand and rolled 'em once more. Hardly breathing, he looked and it was the fatal number. His hand stayed in another move toward the dice, over his face came a strange expression, his eyes took on a glassy look and he fell to the floor dead.

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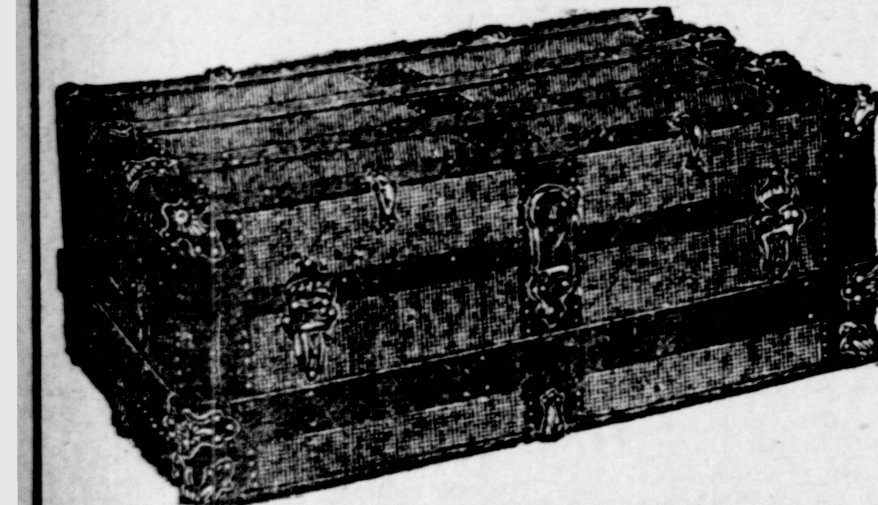
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STEALS PEN TO GET INTO JAIL

Down and Out, Unable to Get Medical Aid, Johnson Solves Problem by Theft

Anton Johnson, desiring to procure a home in the county jail for a short time in which to recuperate, succeeded when Judge Brindley sentenced him to thirty days in the county jail this morning on the charge of having stolen a fountain pen.

Down and out, unable to procure enough odd jobs to pay his board, and suffering from a broken rib, with no money to pay for medical attention, A. Johnson admitted in broken English that he refused to return the pen which he had found to its owner, in the hope of being set to jail.

Miss Mosholder, daughter of the landlady, testified that Johnson had offered her the pen as a gift but asserted that she had refused his gift. Hurt by this mark of unappreciation, Johnson is alleged to have left his boarding house following his dinner, and to have relieved his feelings by unloading his opinions of Otto Gunderson, to that person in no unambiguous terms.

Gunderson, a bar tender at the Combination saloon and incidentally owner of the fountain pen, demanded a return of his property, which is thought to have dropped from his pockets during a previous attempt to remove Johnson from the bar room by physical force.

Judge Brindley, not wishing to interfere with the plot, granted Johnson his wish declaring that he thought that thirty days would be sufficient time for recuperation.

MINERS CONFERENCE TO SHORTEN HOURS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The ambitious plan fostered by high officials of the United Mine workers in Indiana and Illinois for concerted action among all miners of anthracite and bituminous coal toward procuring a six hour working day with the present wage scale, and continuous employment, has temporarily fallen through, through failure of representatives on both sides in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Iowa, to enter into the movement.

It was believed by officials today that operators and miners in these states would not join because of the fact that Ohio, Pennsylvania and Ohio state laws do not grant the same advantages to the miners that the states of Illinois and Indiana do—where the union man is favored.

Miner officials today sent a circular letter to these men asking their attendance at a further conference at Cleveland or Columbus before December 28.

Another conference will be held here on the 18th. The conferences are all preliminary to the framing of a new contract between the operators and miners. The present contract for both anthracite and bituminous workers expires on April 1.

POLICE GRAFT AT COUNCIL BLUFFS?

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Dec. 15.—That a general understanding exists between John C. Mowbray, the head of the syndicate, and the Council Bluffs police authorities, was the statement made by Attorney General Cosson in the Ben Marks case for conspiracy with Mowbray in district court here today. Attorneys for the defense in their opening statements admitted such showing, but say they will show Marks had no share in the collusion.

Toys for Baby. Among a dozen toys that have been given my baby there were two rattles with hard rings at the ends—just right for a baby to stick down his throat. There was a ball trimmed with loosely sewed bells that the baby immediately pulled off and put in his mouth. There was a worsted ball, so fuzzy that it furnished mouthfuls of lint. The only thing that it was possible to leave him with was a rubber ring too large to get in his throat—Exchange.

Taking the united kingdom as a whole, the marriage rate is about 10.5, the birth rate 25.3, and the death rate 13.9, a thousand.

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Fancy articles, rugs, aprons, home cooking, fruit, jelly and candy for sale. : : : : :

STEEL TRUST IS A SLAVE DRIVER

Brandeis Says Men Working for Combine Are Absolutely Controlled by the Trust

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Louis D. Brandeis before the senate committee on interstate commerce, today, said the tangible value of the Steel trust at the time of its organization in 1901, was estimated by the government bureau of corporations at \$682,000,000, and by the trust officials at \$1,457,000,000.

He characterized the Steel trust as a "driver of slaves."

"I am not aware of any law of any state limiting hours of labor of steel trust employees," said Brandeis. "They are absolutely controlled by the trust and have no freedom."

He gave monopolistic power as the cause for the great revenue of the Tobacco trust. It was shown by the advance in quotations since the so-called disintegration of the trust, Brandeis asserted, that the monopolistic power to control prices still existed and was exercised with the approval of the court.

In closing his testimony Brandeis spoke of the presentation by Judge E. H. Gary, chief executive of the Steel trust, of a \$500,000 necklace to his wife, as one of the most horrible manifestations of the trust system and its fruits. He compared it with a similar presentation to the queen by King Louis before the French revolution, and predicted that it would arouse like emotion among the over-burdened employees of the trust.

FLAYS TRIBUNE AND MORRIS IN HEATED ATTACK

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He had entered it determined to do his best to get to the bottom of the grafting.

"Small things," said Mr. Schubert, "sometimes tell a big story. On the day that Chief Webster started his personal investigation, and before formal charges had been made against any member of the police force, Hattie Bowker was summoned to the police station. While she was sitting in that room, waiting to be called into the chief's office Detective Joseph McGrath slipped her a note that 'this is about us fellows.' Is that the action of an innocent man?" demanded Schubert.

"When Scott's statement was published, and still before any formal charges had been made against any member of the police force these men retained attorneys and immediately went through the district, sewing up keepers and all people apt to testify. If the affidavit read before this commission the other day is a fair sample of the papers drawn up for these occasions I want to announce that they were enough to scare any woman against testifying later. Was that the action of innocent men?" he demanded.

He announced that he was not going to attempt to whitewash the name of the Scotts.

"We have heard it said that we can't take evidence from that class of men," said Schubert. "I want to say that we couldn't get the inside stories of grafting from the preachers or members of churches. They don't need protection. Consequently, we must take the word of men who are connected with this sort of thing and who may have needed protection."

He argued that if the commission went on the theory that they couldn't accept the testimony of men like the Scotts that they would have to rule out and refuse to believe testimony of the defendants who had been proven to be companions and chums of the Scotts.

Unwilling Witness. He drew the commission's attention to the fact that Mary Coffland, Scott's housekeeper, and the woman whose testimony against Volton was the most damaging, was an unwilling witness. She had to be coached into giving the barest outline of a story and every admission against the officer had to be drawn from her by persistent questioning. He pointed out that on the other hand "Doc" Bennett and Sadie Stone, two keepers, were more anxious to tell their story in defense of the men. He recalled that they answered many questions before the words had left the mouths of the attorneys for the defense.

He read some of the letters that had gone between Volton and the Scotts, in which it was made plain that the detective and the Scotts were on intimate terms.

"You must consider the surrounding circumstances in this case," he said. "Here is a detective who spends his vacation in Chicago with these people whom they now class as crooks. While there he was wine and dined and was autubed about the city by them. He was on friendly terms with them: He had suppers at Scott's hotel on Second street. Would it be at all surprising if he should accept money from one with whom he was so friendly? In fact wouldn't it be natural that he would accept something for any little favor that he might be able to do for them?"

Bribing Done in Secret. Bribing police officers, argued Schubert, is not usually done in open, consequently it is almost impossible to get direct corroborative evidence. "As Hattie Bowker testified, it was simply 'slipped to them,' they went their way, and nothing was said about it."

He called attention to the fact that even Hattie Bowker was an unwilling witness. That she had been sewed up with one of the affidavits for the defense and only told the truth of the alleged grafting when caught aboard a train as she was preparing to flee the city.

ROOSEVELT WON'T DENY OR AFFIRM

Holds Conference With New York National Committee Man But is Mum on Politics

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It was learned today that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had a talk at the Union League club last night with William L. Ward, New York member of the republican national committee, who announced at the meeting of the committee in Washington this week that he was out to support Roosevelt for the presidency.

An animated conversation between the two continued for more than an hour, Ward acted very mysteriously today, going to the extraordinary lengths to dodge newspaper reporters at his home and office.

A reporter met Colonel Roosevelt late last night and told him that there was "a well authenticated report in circulation that it was Mr. Roosevelt's policy to neither seek nor decline the republican nomination." To this Colonel Roosevelt said: "Not a word on general politics or anything else. I have no intention of making a political statement."

After his interview with Ward, Colonel Roosevelt went to the home of his brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, where he spent the night. He left there early this morning for the Outlook office, again declining to converse with reporters.

Nothing better for the boy's Christmas gift than a membership in the Y. M. C. A. Call up 170 new phone.

LA CROSSE MAN DIES IN MINNEAPOLIS

John Krenz, aged 27 years, died of heart disease in Minneapolis on Wednesday.

Mr. Krenz was born in La Crosse on April 8, 1884, and several years ago he went to Minneapolis where he accepted a position as shipping clerk. He lived in this city for a long time previous to going to Minneapolis.

Surviving him are his mother and several brothers and sisters.

The body arrived in La Crosse this morning. The funeral is to be held at the Holy Cross church at eight o'clock tomorrow morning with Father Wojnski officiating at the services. Interment will take place in the Catholic cemetery.

STORY NOT TRUE, SAYS GILBERTSON

That there is not a word of truth in the story of the local office of the United States Express company being abandoned after the first of the year, is the assertion of J. P. Gilbertson, local agent, today.

"Somebody has stretched their imagination," indignantly declared Mr. Gilbertson today, when questioned as to the veracity of the story. "The circulation of such a story, which is absolutely without foundation, coming as it does just at the beginning of the Christmas holidays is bound to injure our business and may result in a large loss for the United States Express company."

Exercise.

Exercise in its general significance is a glorious thing. It is not, however, anything much in its purely physical sense. Thus, a person with large muscles and not very big wits is of almost no value to society, whereas a person who has exercised both is often indispensable. Exercises for the wits are very difficult. There is nothing to do 100 times, or 500 times. It is not something to which one can give 20 minutes the first thing in the morning and then go the rest of the day. Socrates, who was the Sando of mental exercise, kept his pupils at it pretty much of the time. There is one phase of it which is especially hard. This is the exercise of one's rights. Unexercised rights are much worse than unexercised muscles. Thus, after voting, we are ordinarily mentally stiff and sore for several days. This is because, unaccustomed to exercising our rights, we strain them.

The secret of it all is to exercise your muscles a little, your wits a little and your rights a little. As the Greeks said, "Nothing too much."

The giving of gifts is a heart warming pleasure.

The buying of them is a cold blooded business proposition. Let us confine ourselves to the business side of the matter.

You want your dollar to buy an even hundred cents' worth of value.

You can rely upon it in doing its full duty here.

We have without question, the largest variety of thoroughly dependable jewelry, silverware and the like at the lowest prices of any jeweler in the city.

If you question this statement—make comparisons.

Parker
JEWELER
Majestic Building.

DRUGGED SLEEP TO CURE NERVES

Colorado Railroad Commissioner to Be Subject of Unique Medical Experiment

DENVER, Col., Dec. 15.—Daniel M. Staley, state railroad commissioner, this afternoon will be put in a comatose state by the use of drugs, in an effort to cure him of nervous trouble from which he has been suffering for years. He will be kept unconscious for ten days. If at the end of that time he is no better he will be put to sleep again and will be kept in a semi-conscious condition until he shows signs of improvement.

The treatment which Staley will undergo is one of the most remarkable methods known to the medical profession. A noted Chicago neurologist has prescribed this course.

Staley's nervous system was wrecked by overwork. For months he has not been able to control his eye lids and the nerves controlling his mouth have been so weak that he has had to keep a toothpick constantly in his mouth to prevent his teeth chattering.

Tonight is Yeomen night at Casino Theater. Meet at Linker hall at 7:45.

BAZAAR TO OPEN NEW CHURCH PARLOR

The first formal gathering in the newly remodeled parlors of the Presbyterian church, Sixth and King streets, will be the annual bazaar of the Ladies' society of the church, which opens tomorrow. The parlors have been closed for enlargement and remodeling during the summer months.

The bazaar will start at 1 o'clock. There will be on sale articles many of which are the handiwork of the members of the society. It is expected that in view of the near approach of Christmas the bazaar will be a great success, as the majority of the articles to be sold are such as are suitable for gifts.

The ladies will serve a special home-cooking supper in the evening. The supper will start at 5:30 and continue until about 7:30.

FRANK NABEL, OLD RESIDENT, IS DEAD

Frank Nabel, aged 66 years, died at the St. Francis hospital at one o'clock this morning after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Nabel has lived in La Crosse for several years and was well known here. He was a member of the Third Ward Aid society.

The funeral will be held from the hospital chapel at eight o'clock tomorrow morning and burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery. Fessler & Dahl have charge of the funeral arrangements.

Oak stove, wood, for sale. La Crosse Co-operative Co.

AGE IN COTTON FACTORIES

Death of Oldest Weaver in Lowell Reveals Bright Side of Operatives' Lives.

A news dispatch tells of the death in Lowell of the oldest weaver in that city, a woman who was seventy-one years of age and was in comfortable circumstances, but who still preferred to work, in spite of her age. We call this to the attention of the friends of the "poor mill girl." In spite of what they tell about employment in a cotton factory, it seems that it is quite possible for a woman to follow the trade of a weaver until she has passed three score years and ten; it is possible for her to lay by money enough to place her in comfortable circumstances, and it is possible that the associations in busy, bustling weave shops, with their noise and lint and all the other unpleasant features, may be more endurable to a woman who has cultivated the habit of industry over a long period of years than the loneliness she would feel in a comfortable home with only such tasks to take up her time and her attention as those necessary to light housekeeping. The picture of industry, thrift and undoubted faithfulness that is shown in this brief news item from Lowell can be duplicated in nearly every one of the textile centers of New England, but it is the picture that is not so frequently held up to the view of the interested as the reverse of it. Nobody who has the welfare of the operatives—and that means of the industry itself—at heart would desire that the disagreeable features be covered so that the world would think there was nothing in them that should be improved, but it is gratifying and in the interest of truth besides to let a modicum of brightness reflect upon the canvas on occasions.—Fall River Herald.

Practically Indestructible.

A flight of stairs has been erected in Paris over which 14,000,000 persons have passed without so much as scratching the surface. These steps are almost imperishable, for in the concrete of which they are constructed a generous proportion of carborundum has been introduced, and since carborundum is almost as hard as the diamond, it has given the concrete a wearing quality which no marble or granite could possibly approach.

Money may not buy happiness, but no man ever refuses to take it on that account.

If a man is no longer able to annoy anyone he has outlived his usefulness.



SOME ONE IN EVERY FAMILY SHOULD BUY SOME ONE AN ARTICLE of Furniture for Christmas. What could be more appropriate or sensible? It is useful, and helps to beautify the home. We have hundreds of articles which will please both young and old and will cause the giver to be long remembered by the one who receives the gift.

"Push the Button and Rest"



Look for the push button. We carry a large assortment of these from

\$11.00 up to \$29.00

Sectional Book Cases



We are exclusive agents for Globe-Wernicke Bookcases. You cannot get along without them in these days.

TOYS

We carry a very fine line of Toys. Dolls that are the best, and Doll Carts and Perambulators that are of lasting quality, at from \$1.00 and up.



Rockers

We carry the most complete line of Rockers in the north-west. Finishes fumed oak, early English, golden oak and mahogany, at from \$2.50 to \$60.00.



Watch our show windows for prices and the new snappy articles.

S. CANTERT
FURNITURE AND RUG HOUSE
110-112-114 S. THIRD ST.
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

FIRE CASE MAY NOT GET TO THE JURY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—That the case of Max Blanck and Isaac Harris, proprietors of the Triangle Shirtwaist company, on trial for manslaughter in connection with the death of 142 girls and men in the fire which destroyed their plant last March, will never go to the jury, was the prediction made in the criminal court today when the court ruled that the state must prove that the bolted door it produced before the jury was the identical one through which the girls sought to escape.

The state's detectives found in the ruins of the building a bolted door which was taken to court. This door, the state contended, was on the Washington place of the ninth floor of the building.

Max Steuer, attorney for the prisoners, objected to showing it to the jury, declaring that similar bolts had been on other doors of the building. He said that the state must first prove that this was the ninth floor door.

The door was found in the ruins. Attorneys declare it will be impossible for the state to prove its contention.

WONDERFUL RESCUE AT "GIB"

Veracious Soldier's Story of How He Saved His Chum With a Horseshoe Magnet.

"It was a terrible moment," said the old soldier, with a shudder.

"Tell us all about it!" cried the squad of recruits, eagerly.

"It happened at Gib. I was walking along the top of a cliff with a chum, when he was suddenly seized with vertigo. There was a sheer drop of at least 4,000 feet, and when I saw him reel and slip over the precipice I gave him up for lost. Quick as lightning, I pulled a large horseshoe magnet out of my pocket, and, laying flat upon my chest, extended over the chasm. I could see my friend far below, falling rapidly, and turning over and over. He looked no larger than a doll; but gradually as the magnet exerted its influence, his figure became more distinct, and he rose with a terrific bump. The magnet had attracted his large steel spurs and, exerting all my strength, I held him there for two hours, till help came."—Tit-Bits.

A single square yard of leaf surface, counting both the upper and under sides of the leaves, can, under favorable circumstances, decompose at least a gallon of carbonic acid in a day.

Remembered the Lesson.

My little girl, who was about three years old, had always had it impressed upon her that after she was once dressed she should not get dirty again. One afternoon after being dressed she went out to play and fell down in the dirt. She then came running to me and cried, "O, mamma now I'm all undressed."—Exchange.

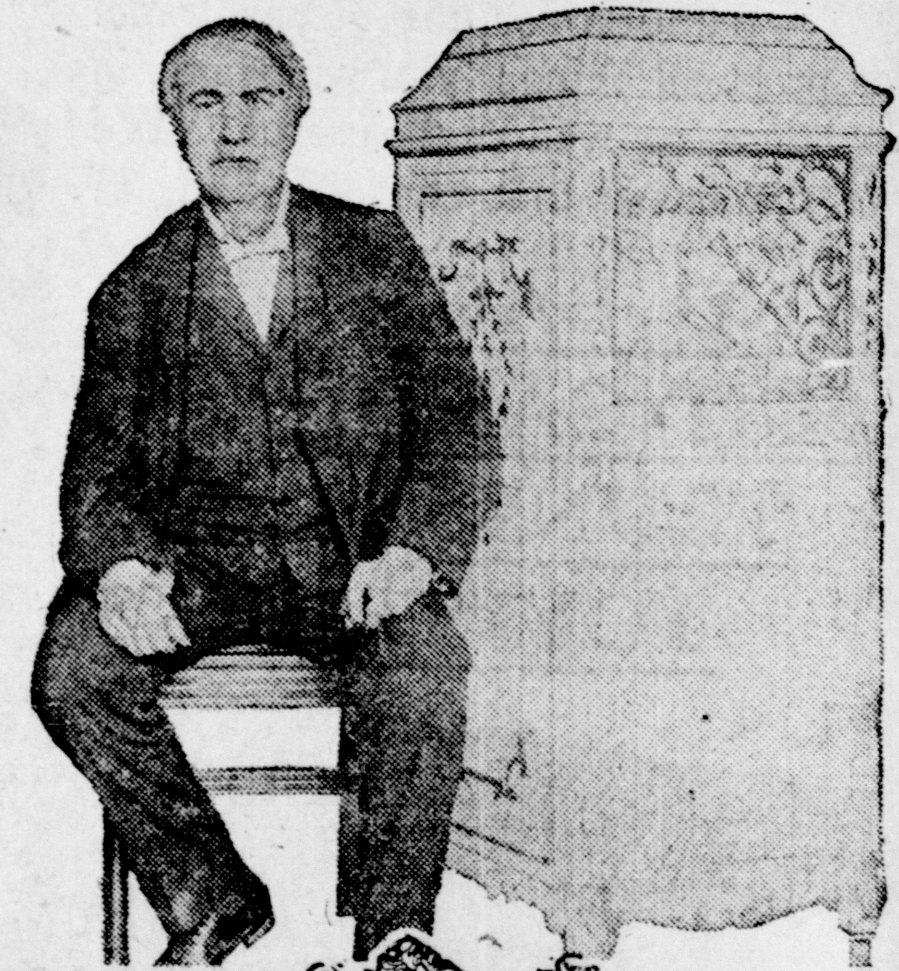
Hans Breitmann Says.

"Men should do all day can early in life. It is better to have more time for regrets."—Cleveland News.

The light yellow root of Ginseng is highly esteemed by the Chinese as a stimulant. It is used, however, for almost every domestic and medicinal purpose, and specimens resembling the human body of often command their weight in gold because of supposed occult virtues. China furnishes almost the sole market for Ginseng.

Too many people labor under the delusion that they can fatten friendship on a diet of flattery. It isn't patriotism as much as it is parades that induces men to join the militia.

HIS LATEST TRIUMPH



THOMAS A. EDISON AND CONCRETE CABINET

NEW YORK CITY.—Thomas A. Edison has announced that he will shortly put on the market concrete furniture to go in his \$1,000 concrete houses. About \$200 will completely furnish a house. The phonograph cabinet shown in this picture is trimmed in white and gold. Its surface like that of enameled wood. Not only is this concrete cabinet cheaper, but it has better acoustic properties than the old-fashioned wood cabinet. Pieces of Mr. Edison's concrete furniture are now on their way to Chicago and back to show what they can stand in the way of resisting handling by freight men. This concrete furniture can be stained to look like any kind of wood.

ATTEND THE
BAZAAR
Given by the
Ladies of the
Presbyterian Church
at the Church Parlors,
Saturday Afternoon and
Evening, December 16th
Home cooking, fancy articles and
rugs for sale.
Chicken Pie Supper.

SEALS REMINDER
TO LATE SHOPPER
Red Cross Christmas Sticks
Warn of Approaching
Rush Hours in the
Stores

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 16.—
(Special).—The sight of a Red
Cross Christmas seal is a mute warn-
ing these days to tardy Christmas
shoppers. The strikers, which made
their appearance on December 1,
were the first harbingers of the ap-
proach of the holidays, and they
continue to spread the warning as
each day brings Christmas and the
season of gift giving nearer.
"The school children of Milwau-
kee have come to look upon the
sale of Red Cross Seals by the Wis-
consin Anti-Tuberculosis association
as an annual event of the Christmas
season," said one Milwaukee school
teacher today. "Aside from the
great humanitarian movement they
stand for, I believe the seals are a
very important factor in fostering
the Christmas spirit among the chil-
dren, and in instilling in their minds
the idea of sacrifice in behalf of
one's fellow men."

Many merchants throughout the
state are sending out their announce-
ments of Christmas bargains under
the Red Cross seal and nearly a
dozen business houses in the larger
cities are using seals on all their
outgoing mail.
Several enterprising campaign
managers have secured prizes from
their local merchants supplementary
to those offered by the state asso-
ciation in an effort to stimulate the
sale and these range all the way
from a turkey to a gold bracelet and
include coal, wood, candy, fruit,
photographs, sleds, skates and cloth-
ing.

RECORDS SHOW NEED OF MONEY ON FARMS

That the farmer is in greater need
of money than the city man, despite
the fact that it is commonly thought
to be the reverse, is shown from the
record of mortgages in La Crosse
county during November. This shows
that the amount of money procured
on mortgages in La Crosse is less
than 40 per cent of that of the rural
sections, although the valuation of
city property is greater and the city
sales exceed the country sales. The
mortgages of the rural section for
last month amount to \$39,200, the
number of mortgages being twenty.
In the city there were twenty-one
mortgages, but the total amount of
these was but \$15,500.
During the last month there were
forty-five land transfers in the city
of La Crosse, aggregating \$34,588.
The consideration in thirteen of
these transfers was \$1. The total
amount of sales is less than last
month, but this is accounted for by
the large number of sales in which
the true consideration was not given.
In the rural sections of La Crosse
county there were eighteen sales in
volving \$6,973, eight of which are
registered with the consideration of
\$1.00.

MIDWAY, WIS.

Miss Edith Byrners of Brice Prair-
ie, spent the past week with Ed
Boisima and family.
Walter Holtz of Madison is visit-
ing his brother, Will Holtz and fam-
ily.
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Borger spent
Sunday last with Bronno Mulder and
family.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Byrners were
Sunday callers at the home of Pete
Byrners of Brice Prairie.
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Meyer and
children visited from Saturday un-
til Sunday at La Crosse with Mr. and
Mrs. Heinz.
Mrs. Pete Quall is sick.
Mr. and Mrs. Bronno Mulder and
daughter, Alice, were business call-
ers at La Crosse Friday.

RABE SWALLOWS PIN; DEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A shin-
ing pin which she seized and swal-
lowed when her mother's back was
turned, caused Millicent, baby daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riggles,
to choke to death.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE TO LECTURE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 15.—
Mrs. B. F. Carroll, wife of Governor
Carroll, has been asked to accept a
position as lecturer for the National
Purity organization. She has attract-
ed attention by demanding that sex
problems be taught in public schools.

MENACE TO LABOR SAYS ROOSEVELT

McNamaras Are Mere Cut-
throats and Deserve No
Sympathy, Says For-
mer President

NO BETTER THAN BLACK HAND

Severely Denounces Labor
Leaders who Fought
for Los Angeles
Dynamiters

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Denounc-
ing the McNamara brothers as "de-
praved criminals on whose sear-
ed souls lies the murder of so many
innocent persons," Theodore Roose-
velt in an editorial entitled "mur-
der is murder" gives his view on the
famous dynamiting case in the cur-
rent issue of The Outlook.

Colonel Roosevelt decries any ex-
pressions of sympathy for the con-
fessed dynamiters "because they
thought they acted in what they re-
garded as a 'war on behalf of their
class,' as a plea monstrous in its
folly and its wickedness." He says:
"The murders committed by the
McNamaras, although nominally in
the interest of organized labor dif-
fer not one whit in moral culpabil-
ity from those committed by the
Black Hand, or by any band of mere
cut-throats, and are fraught with an
infinitely heavier menace to society.
Yet, great though the menace is to
the community, the menace to the
cause of honest organized labor is
still greater."

The former president bitterly
scores the labor leaders who cham-
pioned the cause of the McNamaras
as they did that of "Moyer and Hay-
wood," declaring they have rendered
an evil service to the union cause.
He insists that he believes in unions
but that all workers must "set their
faces like flint against any effort to
identify the cause of organized la-
bor, directly or indirectly, with any
movement which in any shape or way
benefits by the commission of crimes
of lawless and murderous violence."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids will be received by the
undersigned at the office of the
County Clerk in the courthouse, on
Dec. 22, 1911, at 2 p. m., for fur-
nishing the material and doing the
work of making certain repairs in
the county jail, according to plans
and specifications therefor on file
with said clerk, based upon the
three following propositions, to-wit:
(1) To replace all angles now ad-
joining the floor of the first floor
cell room, both within the cells and
along the corridors adjoining the
cells.

(2) To remove all angles adjoin-
ing the floor of the first floor cell
room and to replace the same with
new angles and to construct a re-
inforced concrete floor within the
cells.

(3) To remove all angles now ad-
joining the floor of the first floor
cell room and to replace the same
with new angles and to place within
the cells a steel plate floor.

Proposals must be accompanied by
a certified check payable to said
clerk in the sum of \$50. Bond satis-
factory to the committee must be
furnished by the bidder awarded the
contract in the sum of 50 per cent
of the contract price. The commit-
tee reserves the privilege of rejecting
any and all bids. Bids for each of
the three propositions to be made
separately.

Dated December 12, 1911.

WILLIAM A. BRADLEY,
PETER LEHNEN,
GEORGE J. RITTER,
Building and Grounds Committee.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of Wisconsin, In Probate:
La Crosse County Court.

In the matter of the estate of
Jacob Mickschl, late of the town of
Shelby, in said county, deceased.
Letters of administration in said
matter having been granted to Brid-
get Mickschl of La Crosse county,
Wis., notice is hereby given that six
months after the 6th day of Decem-
ber, A. D. 1911, are allowed to cre-
ditors to present their claims against
said deceased for examination and al-
lowance; and that said Court will on
the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1912, at 10
o'clock a. m. of said day at the court
room of said court in the court house
in the city of La Crosse, in said
county, examine and adjust all claims
and demands of all persons against
said deceased.

By the court,

JOHN BRENDLEY,
County Judge.

Dated this 6th day of December,
1911.

W. F. & A. C. WOLFE,
Attorneys for Estate.

NOTICE

The undersigned Road and Bridge
Committee of the County Board will
receive sealed bids at the office of
the County Clerk on the 21st day of
December, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m.
for a traction engine suitable for
road work.

Said engine shall be not less than
16 nor more than 20 horse-
power, must have coal bunker and
water tank attached and draw bar
at rear, the width of the machine.

For further particulars address
John Hintgen, County Highway Com-
missioner.

Dated at La Crosse, Wis., this 7th
day of December, 1911.

PETER GULLICKSON,
FRED PAULSON,
WM. WOLF,
H. A. JACOBS,
J. C. MOORE,
OSCAR H. HULBERG,
W. D. STRATMAN,
Road and Bridge Committee.

This Store will
be open every
evening next
week until
9:00 p.m.,
Satur-
day
10:00
p. m.



"EVERWEAR"
GUARANTEED
HOSIERY
for men, women,
misses and boys
in silk, silk
lisle, wool
and cotton
25c to
\$1.00
a pair

ONLY SEVEN MORE SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Before Christmas. Don't wait, don't delay, start shopping tomorrow. The assortments are great now and you can shop in compar-
ative comfort. Every day the crowds grow larger. This advertisement is full of useful gift suggestions of real value, both from a
useful as well as a pleasure giving standpoint. Gifts that will be appreciated and every item is priced to increase your savings.

A Suit of Pajamas Make an Acceptable Gift.

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| <p>FANCY SHIRTS
Attached and detached
cuffs,
50c to \$1.50.
Xmas Shirt Boxes .10c</p> <p>TOQUES
Boys' and children's,
long and short styles,
all colors,
25c, 50c and 75c</p> <p>ELASTICS
Garters and Armbands,
in fancy boxes,
50c</p> <p>FANCY VESTS
For day and evening
wear,
\$2.50 to \$5.00.</p> <p>NEGLIGEE SHIRTS
with soft collars, low
and military collars,
50c to \$2.00.</p> <p>SMOKING JACKET
From leading makers.
All colors, including
velvet and matlasee,
\$5.00 to \$10.00.</p> <p>JEWELRY.
Scarf Pins, latest nov-
elties,
25c to \$1.50.</p> <p>JEWELRY
Cuff Links, newest cre-
ations,
25c to \$1.50.</p> | <p>Combination Sets
Cuff Links, Scarf Pin
and Tie Holder,
\$1.00 to \$2.00.</p> <p>HANDKERCHIEFS
White silk with initials,
25c and 50c.
Plain white and black,
50c to \$1.00.</p> <p>HANDKERCHIEFS
White linen, 3 in fancy
Christmas box.
35c, 3 for \$1.00.
50c, 3 for \$1.50.</p> <p>HANDKERCHIEFS
Initial Japanette, 10c
3 for 25c.
Initial linen 25c
Plain, from ... 5c to 50c</p> <p>BOYS' LEGGINS
Leather, Jersey and
canvas, also Legginettes
for little fellows, ages
2 to 8 years,
50c to \$1.00.</p> <p>SWEATER COATS
for Men, Boys and
Children. All styles,
\$1.00 to \$5.00.</p> <p>SLIP ON
Rain Coats,
\$5.00 to \$15.00.</p> <p>MEN'S PAJAMAS
All sizes and colors,
\$1.50 to \$3.50.</p> | <p>SILK MUFFLERS
Reefer style, all colors,
\$1.00 to \$3.00.</p> <p>KNIT MUFFLERS
All colors,
50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>NECKWEAR
A beautiful assortment
in fancy boxes,
50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>COLLAR BAGS
A large selection to
choose from,
75c to \$2.50.</p> <p>TRAVELING SETS
in fine leather cases,
\$2.00 to \$7.50.</p> <p>INDIAN BLANKETS
Suitable for couch cov-
ers,
\$7.50.</p> <p>SWEATERS.
in all the latest styles
and colors,
\$1.00 to \$7.50.</p> <p>UNDERWEAR
Two piece garments, at
per garment,
45c to \$2.50.</p> <p>FLANNEL SHIRTS
Military collars,
\$1.50 to \$3.00.</p> | <p>SILK HALF HOSE
In all colors,
50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>SUSPENDERS
In fancy boxes,
50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>FUR COLLARS
No charge for putting
fastenings on overcoat,
\$4.00 to \$10.00.</p> <p>UMBRELLAS
A handsome line to
choose from,
\$1.00 to \$5.00.</p> <p>WALKING STICKS
or Canes,
50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>SUIT CASES
Genuine reed, matting,
imitation leather and
solid cow hides,
\$1.00 to \$12.50.</p> <p>TRAVELING BAGS
A large assortment in
brown and blacks,
\$3.50 to \$20.00.</p> <p>NECKWEAR RINGS
A beautiful assortment,
75c to \$1.50.</p> <p>FUR CAPS
A large selection,
\$2.00 to \$3.50.</p> <p>SEALSKIN CAPS
Now very popular,
\$5.00 to \$15.00.</p> | <p>CLOTH CAPS
A large assortment,
50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>Combination Sets
Handkerchief and Tie,
\$1.00.</p> <p>Combination Sets
Half Hose and Tie,
\$1.00 and \$1.50.</p> <p>Combination Sets
Suspenders, Arm Bands
and Hose Suspenders,
50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>PENNANTS
High School, Normal
and Wisconsin Univer-
sity colors,
25c to \$1.50.</p> <p>PILLOW TOPS
in High School, Normal
and Wisconsin Univer-
sity colors,
\$1.50 to \$2.50.</p> <p>KID GLOVES
Silk and unlined,
\$1.00 and \$1.50.</p> <p>GLOVES & MITTENS
in fur and wool lined,
\$1.00 to \$5.00.</p> <p>KID MITTENS.
Fleece and Fur lined,
\$1.00 to \$5.00.</p> <p>BATH ROBES
Terra Cloths and Blan-
ket Robes,
\$3.50 to \$7.50.</p> |
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Smoking Jackets

Make Useful Gifts.
We are showing a big
assortment.
Priced from \$5 to \$10

THE CONTINENTAL

HENRY N. BOEHM, MANAGER

BATH ROBES

A big assortment in
all the newest mate-
rials.
Priced \$4.00 to \$12.00

SCALP WORTH \$5,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Five
thousand dollars is the price put
on a girl's scalp by Director Durand
of the census, in asking reparation for

THIEF NABS SKUNK SKINS

Waukesha, Wis., Dec. 15.—Po-

lice did not think it necessary today
to get bloodhounds to follow the trail
of a thief who last night stole forty-
five skunk hides from a local store-
house.

FIRE FRIGHTENS ROYALTY

LONDON, Dec. 15.—King George
and Queen Mary were frightened to-
day during the investiture of the
king-emperor when a large tent ad-
jacent to the royal shamlana was

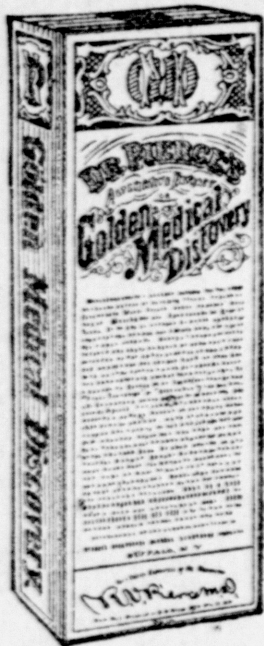
gutted by fire, according to a dis-
patch to the General News. The royal
quarters were in considerable danger
for a time and great excitement pre-
vailed.

Kills Germs

Nothing in medicine is known which accomplishes such vast good in so short a time with weak, broken-down, worn-out, diseased stomachs and sluggish, torpid, lazy livers, as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—a standard remedy for germ-laden, impure blood. When you feel dull and sickish, the bile is not flowing right, and the whole system suffers. The organs lack power to convert food into energy. Bacterial germs thrive at the expense of the blood corpuscles. To escape worrisome stomach trouble and liver complaint, go to the aid of the blood corpuscles and kill off the germs that would otherwise invade your system.

Every day's delay means getting further away from health. Don't blunder. Use the intensely, effective, non-alcoholic—non-secret—Golden Medical Discovery—the standard stomach, liver and blood medicine for more than 40 years. Get the genuine bearing Dr. Pierce's fac-simile Signature as shown in cut.

Gravest diseases spring from bowel neglect. When the bowels quit working, the liver, sympathetically, goes on strike; the stomach gets out of order and the blood impure. The first aid and the best is Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They move and strengthen the bowels and make them regular—curing constipation with its long train of resultant disorders.



U. S. NEGLECTS SETTLERS; HILL

Railroad Man Makes Comparison Between U. S. and Canada in Treatment of Pioneers

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The warning comparison drawn by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, regarding the governmental provisions for new settlers in western Canada and in the states south of the line bids fair to make his Chicago speech epochal. "Canada insists on Canada for Canadians but when we see America first on a relief map Uncle Sam objects," he said. "The conservatism of the east do not understand the needs of the west. When they get some western men with the right ideas at Washington things will be all right. The result of the order which drove 200 families off from the unsurveyed region in a western state resulted in their moving over into Canada where the government really protects the settlers and does not hinder them. Some of us men in the northwest jumped in and by vigorous work succeeded in saving the homes of the majority of the pioneers." This stirring result in the investigation of what the settlers in central Alberta and other districts of western Canada he mentioned find in the way of protection and help that the exodus to Canada has become so alarming and that the number who have returned across the line has been so few. One report shows that the farmers have the benefit of government creameries, government cleaning and inspection of grain, and government free trees. In addition to these things the Grand Trunk Pacific and other railroads have done many things such as the installation of demonstration farms, the preparation of leasehold farms which are ready for the farmer prior to his occupancy and care of the newly arrived settlers. "The fact that the railroads offer a ready market for high class farm products acts as a stimulus and causes the farmers to put forth their best efforts to grade their products up to a high standard," this report declares, thus shifting part of the responsibility from the shoulders of the government officials to those of the railroads in the northwest. "No doubt this influence is primarily responsible for the fact that at such exhibitions as the New York land show, the recent dry farming congress and the Chicago land show, the products of central Alberta are walking away with first prizes."

ROUND COP STICKS IN A SQUARE HOLE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The problem of fitting a square hole with a round object was solved today by Police Sergeant Peter Fitzpatrick, 300 pound veteran of the Lake street station. Fitzpatrick was the round object, with half a dozen other bluecoats, Fitzpatrick wriggled through a trap door to a stable loft and pinched fifteen poker players. When Fitzpatrick came to leave, however, he found he could not get through the trap door. He wedged tight. Brother officers extricated him and passing a rope around his waist lowered him to the ground from a convenient hay pulley.

IS SUGAR TRUST FIGHTING RIVAL

Dealers of Sugar Substitute Say Trust Has Hand in Fight Before Food Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—That the sugar trust is the active agent behind the effort to prohibit the use of saccharin in foods is the charge made by the attorneys for the saccharin manufacturers. That industry is now fighting for its life before the pure food board consisting of Secretaries MacVeagh, Wilson and Nagel. Whether the trust is directly responsible for the anti-saccharin campaign or not, it is deeply interested in the outcome. Saccharin is 500 times sweeter than sugar, by volume, and its use as a sweetening agent where a "filler" is not desired has grown rapidly since its commercial manufacture was inaugurated. It is also prescribed by physicians generally, when sweetening is desired by patients suffering from diabetes or other digestive disturbances traceable to the use of sugar. It is an interesting fact that this use led to the appointment of the Remsen board of consulting scientific experts. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, was the leading authority on foods under the pure food act, when he was summoned to the White House to give his views to then President Roosevelt. Among other products denounced by him as a "poison" was saccharin. It happened that Roosevelt was taking saccharin in place of sugar. "Do you mean this stuff?" he inquired, drawing a vial from his pocket. Dr. Wiley was rather non-plussed, but stood his ground and replied: "I do." Roosevelt turned on his heel and the announcement of the creation of the Remsen board followed.

To that board was referred the questions of whether or not saccharin in foods is injurious. The board rendered a report almost identical with its report on benzoate of soda, but to the amazement of everyone, including the members of the Remsen board, the secretaries, who had permitted the use of benzoate of soda, took the opposite stand on saccharin and issued an order prohibiting its use in foods. An extension of time was obtained for the manufacturers and others interested to present their views, which has been done. Dr. Wiley is to hand in a brief on the chemical facts as he sees them, and Solicitor McCabe one on the law and the secretaries are then to give their final decision, which is expected soon.

Town of Onalaska:

NOTICE
The undersigned Road and Bridge Committee of the County Board will receive sealed bids at the office of the County Clerk on the 21st day of December, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. for rock for macadamizing as follows:

160 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Holmen road at the top of the hill, north of Midway.
200 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Holmen road in B. J. McCabe's field near the house of R. J. Boersma.
Town of Holland:
50 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Holmen road in B. J. McCabe's field near the house of R. J. Boersma.
Town of Barre:
Quarried rock to the amount of \$750.00 to be delivered and piled on the Barre Mills road at a point 8 rods southwest of the Welch school house.

(Bid to state number of cords to be delivered for the above amount).
Town of Hamilton:
50 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the north Salem road, 20 rods east of the Waterloo bridge.

Quarried rock to the amount of \$800.00 to be delivered on the north Salem road, 20 rods east of the Waterloo bridge.
(Bid to state number of cords to be delivered for the above amount).
Town of Burns:
Rock to the amount of \$1,350.00 to be delivered on the Burnham Valley road near Fred Meyer's farm.
(Bid to state number of cords or yards to be delivered for the above amount).

(Bids on above will be received for both crushed and quarried rock).
Town of Bangor:
120 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Fish Creek road near Anton Hesselberg's farm.
Town of Greenfield:
130 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the St. Joseph Ridge road, 20 rods east of Matt Becker's house.

Town of Shelby:
648 yards of crushed rock, No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered to be delivered on the Mormon Coulee road between the farms of Casper Smith and August Mundstock.
Crushed rock to the amount of \$700.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the State Road Coulee road near the Pammel farm.

(Bid to state the number of yards of crushed rock to be delivered for the above amount).
(Bids on above will also be received for quarried rock).
Town of Campbell:
Crushed rock to the amount of \$1,400.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the south Salem road near the four-mile house where 1911 work ends.

Crushed rock to the amount of \$1,400.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the north Salem road near the Hartley farm at the intersection of the Onalaska road.

(Bids on both of the above will also be received for quarried rock).
Crushed rock to the amount of \$1,600 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the main French island road where old macadam ends.

Town of Farmington:
Every man knows what he will do in an emergency—until the time comes. If a carpenter did house cleaning for his better half, would his sawdust.

For Men Only

What would please your Wife or Mother better than a new Dining Room Table for Xmas?

Your
Credit
Is
Good

18
Carat
Quality

The
Engaging
Circle—

of the St. Johns Table, with the radiance of its polished golden oak setting, means happy dinner hours for all and lighter pleasanter house work for the homekeeper.

There's a keen sense of household pride with every one of these handsome patterns that our store is offering at "comfy" prices.

You'll be interested in the thorough soundness and strength, the easy running, long, true, rigid slides, the perfectly seasoned, non-warping leaves that are matched with steel pins and sockets

And you'll be proud to place in your home, such beautiful grained oak, polished as only St. Johns Tables are polished.

Let's divide a "secret"—The reason we know the tables we offer are the best possible at the prices is because they are made for us in the largest table factory in the world, in the heart of Michigan's best forests. This factory has advantages for excellent work at low prices simply unapproached by any other maker. And we know the goods—they are conclusively guaranteed by this most responsible factory, and we cordially endorse the guarantee.

\$7 to \$45
UNBEATABLE PRICES

Boyer-Furber Furniture Co.

511-513 MAIN STREET

DISTINCTIVE GIFTS

The Christmas season brings with it the many perplexities relative to selecting suitable gifts. We have prepared our stock this year with the single idea of offering a variety of seasonable gifts for men.

We Offer Below
a Few Good
Suggestions

TIE RINGS

TIE SETS

NECKWEAR

SHIRTS

SILK AND LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS

BATH ROBES

SILK AND LISLE HOSIERY

CUFF LINKS

STICK PINS

GLOVES

SUSPENDERS

SMOKING JACKETS

If you don't get a good "hunch" from this list, come in and look over our goods, you'll be sure to find something that will please.

STAVRUM & HULBERG

THIRD AND MAIN.

THE QUALITY STORE

HOUSTON, MINN.

Miss Mary Kelly was taken to La Crosse Monday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Jay Hervey left last week for Madison, Wis., where he will work for an insurance company.

John Potter and family of Springfield, Minn., are the guests of Mrs. Potter's mother.

Mrs. Milton Happel was operated on for appendicitis at La Crosse hospital Thursday. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Claud Kramer of Preston spent Sunday here.

The Reading club met with Mrs. L. A. Amidon Friday.

Mrs. W. Hollenbeck of Rushford was the guest of A. E. Johnson last week.

Ole Nelson was a La Crosse caller Saturday.

The rain of Saturday raised South Fork river over its banks, and Swede bottom was covered with water Sunday. The rural carriers could not

serve their routes Monday.
J. H. Ver Vatt has returned from St. Paul.

Thomas Chapel was taken to the hospital at Rochester for an operation for a growth on his leg. The operation was successful and he is expected home next week.

The Security bank opened for business Monday. L. H. Briggs and his father are attending to the wants of the patrons.

Miss Valada Johnson is visiting her sister at Rice Lake, Minn.

The family of Supt. Norman Perkins moved to St. Paul last week which will be their future home.

The pupils of the lower grades will give a cantata, "Santa Claus in Japan," Friday evening of this week, under Miss Kinne's instructions.

A woman always has some cause for being dissatisfied. If it isn't her hat it may be her husband.

A woman with a secret sorrow never rests until it is known.



Jelly Roll

will be perfectly made if Rumford is used—it raises evenly and the cake will not crumble—raises at just the right time and in just the right manner—no better baking powder at any price.

Rumford

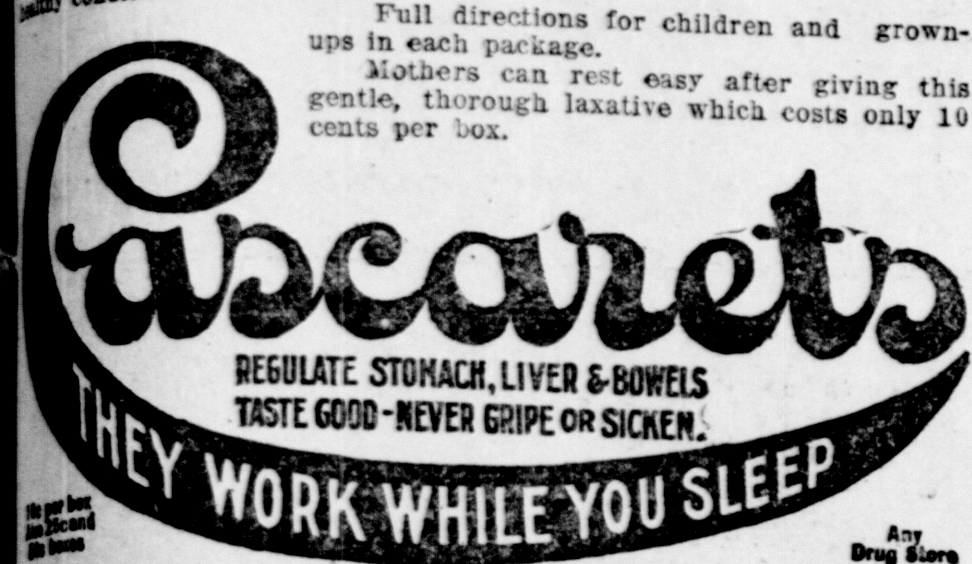
THE WHOLESOME
BAKING POWDER

The Best of the High-Grade Baking Powders—No Alum

CROSS, SICK, FEVERISH CHILDREN NEED GENTLE, THOROUGH CASCARETS

Most of the ills of childhood are caused by a sour, disordered stomach, sluggish liver and constipated bowels. They catch cold easily, become cross, listless, irritable, feverish, restless, tongue coated, don't sleep well and need a gentle, though thorough physic—but don't force a nauseating dose of oil into the little one's already sick stomach—it is cruel, needless and old-fashioned.

Any child will gladly take Cascarets which act gently—never gripe or produce the slightest uneasiness—though cleanses the little one's system, sweetens the stomach and puts the liver and bowels in a pure, healthy condition.



CHICAGO MOTHERS TO RECEIVE PENSIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Pensions for mothers is a Christmas gift which many mothers abandoned by their husbands will receive this year in Chicago as result of the new Illinois law. Already the payment of pensions has begun. The dispensing of them, however, is a duty which has daunted Judge Pinkney, who has called upon the charitable organizations to assist him. In many homes the pensions promise to make all the difference between miserable poverty and dire want which drives women and children to degradation. One mother who has a brood of seven children including two daughters, 15 and 17 years old each earning \$4.00 a week, said: "With this income to depend on I can stay at home, make their clothes and keep them well provided for. I don't have to go out to work and then there was no one to mind them. I was nearly worried sick, fearing that they were getting in bad company or getting in accidents. The children are all so good, but it takes a mother to watch them all the time, whether they are little or big. I really was at the point of sending one or two to some home. Wouldn't it have been too bad? It would have broken up the family forever. Now they can keep on going to school and come home to their mother every night." It is predicted that \$75,000 to \$150,000 will be spent in 1912 under the new law. Judge Pinkney has objected to funds paid

CHICAGO PASTOR IS FIGHTING VICE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Members of the Grace M. E. church today stood behind their militant minister, Rev. Elmer L. Williams, in his campaign against vice conditions, revealed yesterday at the trial of several high police officials.

On the stand the preacher told of his personal investigation in the guise of a tramp, of saloons, gambling dens and other dives. He swore that several instances gamblers were "tipped off" by the policemen that they were about to be raided.

Fond of Walking Sticks.
Of all people perhaps none is more fond of canes or more skilled in their use than our fellow citizens of Porto Rico. The walking stick in that island would seem to mark social distinctions among men as fans do among women.

Better stick to your own small line, my son. The other fellow's business isn't all profit.

to mothers being called a pension fund. "No worthy mother, because she is poor and is aided, should be called a pensioner. Poverty alone should not be sufficient reason for separating a good mother from her children. It is the duty of the state and city to supply funds to keep all children at home if they have a worthy and fit mother."

STUFFED GOOSE SEASON AT HAND

Market for These Fowls
Opens with Price a
Trifle Higher than
Last Year

FEEDING BIRDS INTERESTING

Fowls Are Confined in
Small Coops and Noodles
Stuffed Down Throats
for Weeks

The stuffed goose market opened recently, and from now until after the holiday season the dealers in this highly prized fowl expect to be busy supplying the demand, which is general all over the country. The birds which have been subjected to the stuffing process are in great favor as Christmas delicacies. Dealers in this section of the state have received many orders for stuffed geese, and they have placed these orders with farmers in the surrounding country who are acquainted with process used in preparing the geese for market.

The proper preparation of stuffed geese is a science in itself and requires judgment, skill and aptitude to make the undertaking successful. There is not so great a demand for geese this year but the price has advanced two cents a pound above the average weight of the fowl.

The Stuffing Process
The old notion and theory that the geese were nailed to the floor by their web feet to keep them quiet, was exploded long ago. No such practice ever prevailed here. In fact during a portion of the stuffing process the goose is allowed some freedom and plenty of water, but toward the close of the stuffing season they are confined in smaller pens. The time of stuffing varies from three to four weeks and under favorable conditions the latter period gives the best results. Some farmers, however, are content to "stuff" only two weeks but in consequence the fowl while fat does not have the great weight which those stuffed for longer periods accumulate. The stuffing is first begun at intervals of six or seven hours and during the last week this is kept up every three hours, both day and night, turns being taken by members of the family in this work. During the last week the goose becomes very heavy and in consequence of the stuffing and the small exercise, the liver becomes quite large, in some cases being known to weigh four pounds. Great care must be exercised

Practical Xmas Suggestions

Handkerchiefs as Gifts

Are Always Acceptable

Men's all linen plain and initialed Handkerchiefs, 6 in fancy box, at box 59c, 75c, 89c, \$1.49, \$1.98.

Ladies' all linen initialed Handkerchiefs, put up in fancy boxes, 6 in box, at per box 89c, 79c, 98c, \$1.49 and \$1.98.

Children's initialed Handkerchiefs, 3 colored or white initialed handkerchiefs in box, at box25c

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, composing every dainty style made in American, Brussels & Irish lace, plain linens, one corner embroideries, etc., each from 10c to \$8.00.

CHRISTMAS GLOVES
For Saturday, Ladies' Kid Gloves in capes, gloves and mochas, values up to \$1.25 and \$1.50. For Saturday priced at pair89c

Boys' Kid Gloves, \$1.00 value, at pair50c

Misses' Kid Gloves, value to \$1.25, at pair79c

Long Kid Gloves in white and colors, at pair \$2.75 up to \$3.50.

NECKWEAR
In fancy boxes for Christmas gifts, at 35c, 49c, 75c, up to \$5.00.

Beautiful line of hand made novelties, such as Work, Slipper and Corset Bags, Pin Cushions, Chamois, Skirt and Coat Sets, Roses, bunches of Violets, Pin Cases, Fancy Garters, Doll Hats, etc.

Silk Scarfs, newest colors and novelties, very acceptable gifts at each 49c up to \$10.00.

Special values in Bags for Christmas gifts.

Hand Bags, made of plush, velvet, or leather, with fancy metal frames and long cord handles, specially priced at each, 49c, 98c, 1.98.

Beard and Mesh Bags at each 25c, 49c, up to \$18.00.

and sometimes oats, ground, which is mixed into a dough and cooked and cut into strips or noodles. When the time comes they are moistened in water and forced down the throat of the goose with the aid of the finger. Even this process is not without some degree of danger as many geese will attempt to bite the fingers during the process. To guard against this, the left hand is used to keep the jaws of the goose from locking so that it cannot scratch with its razor-like teeth.

Dressing the Goose
The dressing of the geese after killing is one of the main considerations as much depends upon the way the geese are put up for market and this generally means that the farmer has a gathering to help in the work so that it can be done expeditiously. The geese, after killing, are steamed over boiling water, being placed on a cloth over the boiler. Then care must be taken or the flesh will be ripped off with the feathers. They are then turned over an alcohol flame until all the fine down is removed and are then fixed up for the market. When the work of dressing is done the fatted fowl have the appearance of huge rolls of butter, as the legs, neck and head are tied in such a manner as to give the fowl that appearance.

Some Fancy Prices
The prices vary somewhat with respect to the law of supply and demand, but the farmer each year knows in advance pretty near what the price he is to receive for a certain quality of fowl. The usual price for good stock is the price per pound that the fowl will average. If a lot of geese will average 28 pounds in weight, then the price is 28 cents a pound, and so on, but this year it is two cents higher. Stuffed geese have been marketed which weighed 36 pounds, and the liver of which weighed in the neighborhood of four pounds. The geese are certainly a sight and during the season hundreds of people watch the marketing of this class of fowl. As said before, they are shipped all over the country. The custom is one which came to this country with the Germans from certain sections of that empire. At Strassburg the industry is a large one, the livers being used to make a pie called pate de foie gras, much eaten and greatly relished by the French. The liver is used as a dainty edible in this country while the lard is tried out and put away for table use. The skin of the goose is toasted and makes a dish called Jewish crackers, greatly relished. There is but little lean meat on the fowl, the most of the carcass being converted into goose lard.

Shock Brought Back Speech.
Sarah Alice Stevenson of Padham, Lancashire, England, recovered her speech recently in a remarkable manner. While engaged in household duties her clothing caught fire and in her terror the young woman screamed aloud. The flames were immediately extinguished, and, to her joy, Miss Stevenson found that she had recovered her power of speech, which she had lost six years ago.

Domestic Economy.
American housewives are falling off and young men delay marriage because of the decreasing purchasing power of the dollar. Nevertheless, we know a lot of fellows who never knew what the purchasing power of a dollar was until they married.

Too Bad That She's Gone.
Somebody who has taken the trouble to investigate has found that Elizabeth Barrett Browning tried to make "eagle" rhyme with "vigil," "helress" with "terrace," "nature" with "satiety" and "woman" with "gloom." It is a pity that Mrs. Browning is dead. She might, if she could return, make a wonderful success as a writer of lyrics for musical comedies. Undoubtedly she possessed the chief qualification.

Looks and Confidence.
We owe it to our friends as well as ourselves to look our best at all times and the girl who can improve her appearance without harming herself, should do so. Nothing gives us quite the self-confidence as to feel we look well.

Eclectic Will.
By the will of a French lady who died recently a farm was left to the town on condition her family vault was kept in repair; while the rest of her estate was to be divided among those attending her funeral.

British Humor.
Fashions for the season—Zebra suits are to be very popular with the gilded youth. Well, well. The natural history says: "The external qualities of the zebra are those of the ass."—London View.

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HERE'S wishing you would wake up to the fact that we are offering goods at a very small margin of profit to us.

FROM NOW TILL JANUARY 1, 1912

We Shall Make These Big Cut Prices:

THIS IS A DANDY CHANCE TO GET THAT RUG, CARPET OR LACE CURTAINS, LINOLEUMS, OIL CLOTH, SMALL RUGS, CARPET SWEEPER, PORTIERS, IRON AND BRASS BEDS, MATTRESSES, SPRINGS, BED ROOM SUITS, CHIFFONIERS, DRESSERS, WOODEN BEDS, COMMODES, COMBINATION BOOK CASES, SIDE BOARDS, BUFFETS, CHINA CLOSETS, DINING TABLES, DINING CHAIRS, BED DAVENPORTS, WOODEN ROCKERS, UPHOLSTERED ROCKERS, COUCHES, SKIRT BOXES, LAMPS, DISHES, LIBRARY TABLES, PARLOR TABLES, PILLOWS, BASE BURNERS, RANGES AND HEATERS.

The following prices are for Spot Cash and are good on everything except Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets.

Any Article Marked at the Following Prices will be Sold as Quoted. Read These Prices Over Carefully, Then Get Busy

Any Article Marked	Sale Price	Any Article Marked	Sale Price	Any Article Marked	Sale Price	Any Article Marked	Sale Price
\$ 1.00	.....\$ .70	\$ 6.00	.....\$ 4.75	\$11.00	.....\$ 8.50	\$27.00	.....\$21.50
\$ 1.50	.....\$ 1.10	\$ 6.50	.....\$ 4.90	\$12.00	.....\$ 9.50	\$30.00	.....\$23.50
\$ 2.00	.....\$ 1.40	\$ 7.00	.....\$ 5.50	\$13.50	.....\$10.50	\$33.00	.....\$26.00
\$ 2.50	.....\$ 1.75	\$ 7.50	.....\$ 5.75	\$15.00	.....\$11.75	\$35.00	.....\$27.50
\$ 3.00	.....\$ 2.25	\$ 8.00	.....\$ 6.00	\$16.00	.....\$12.50	\$37.50	.....\$29.50
\$ 3.50	.....\$ 2.80	\$ 8.50	.....\$ 6.25	\$17.00	.....\$13.50	\$40.00	.....\$31.50
\$ 4.00	.....\$ 3.20	\$ 9.00	.....\$ 7.00	\$18.00	.....\$14.00	\$42.50	.....\$33.50
\$ 4.50	.....\$ 3.50	\$ 9.50	.....\$ 7.25	\$20.00	.....\$15.50	\$45.00	.....\$36.00
\$ 5.00	.....\$ 4.00	\$10.00	.....\$ 7.75	\$22.50	.....\$17.75	\$50.00	.....\$39.50
\$ 5.50	.....\$ 4.25	\$10.50	.....\$ 8.00	\$25.00	.....\$19.50	\$55.00	.....\$43.50
						\$60.00	.....\$47.50

NELSON'S PAY THE FREIGHT ON ANY PURCHASE OF \$5.00 OR OVER.

The store out of the high rent district.

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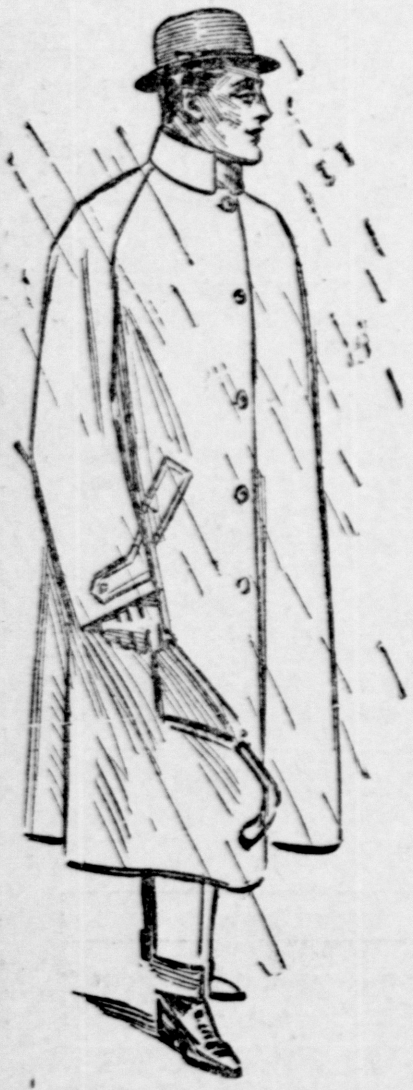
LYMAN H. HOWE

La Crosse Theater Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, with a special Saturday matinee.

LA CROSSE IS BARGAIN CRAZY

At least so it would seem, judging by the Crowds of Buyers that have surged in and out of this Store, since the beginning of **OUR RECORD-BREAKING WORLD BEATER SALE**

Never before have such Offerings been made in this City at this Season of the Year. "The High Cost of Living" sounds like a joke, after seeing the Great Bargains that we offer. Just Read the Items Below—Read Each One Twice—then **Come in and see for yourselves the wonderful values. You won't regret it.**



BOYS' TOQUES AND POLO CAPS

One lot, 50c values15c
One lot, 25c value9c

MEN'S FINE SILK HOSE

Men's fine pure thread Silk Hose, changeable colors.
\$1.00 values48c
50c values25c

Men's and Young Men's OVERCOATS

Of every kind—most complete assortment in the city, \$10.00 values, at\$4.98
All regular \$13.50 garments reduced to\$6.95
\$18.00 Overcoats, now only\$8.95
\$22 values. The new button up to the neck Auto Coat\$10.75
All \$25.00 and \$28.00 Coats at\$6.95

BOYS' WINTER OVERCOATS

Dressy and serviceable Coats, \$10 values, specially priced at\$4.98
Another big seller with us is the regular \$4.00 garment now offered at\$2.98
Whatever the boy needs in clothing for the winter can be had here at

About Half Price

LADIES' AND MISSES' AVIATION CAPS

One Lot of Samples.
\$1.50 values for75c
\$1.25 values for63c
\$1.00 values for49c
50c values for19c

Men's and Young Men's Heavy Winter Suits

Men's and Young Men's Suits—Men's heavy weight winter Suits, made of brown, gray, fancy Kersey, strictly all wool, well made up, a first class suit at \$18, sale price\$11.50

Men's extra heavy gray wool Cassimere Suits, makes a good cold weather suit for every day wear, regular \$12 suit, on sale at\$6.98

Men's brown and blue fancy all wool worsted Suits, made with French haircloth fronts and wool serge lined, such as will compare favorably with suits shown elsewhere for \$18.00 on sale at\$11.85

BOYS' SWEATER COATS

On lot fine worsted Coats, military collar, regular \$2.50 values\$1.49
Boys' Cotton Sweaters, 50c value, now35c

MEN'S SHEEP LINED COATS

Men's sheep lined corduroy Coats, former price \$5.50, now at\$3.98
Men's sheep-lined Duck Coats, former price \$4.50, now at\$3.48
Men's fine black horsehide Fur Coats, quilted lined, \$18 value, for\$10
Great variety of Sheep-lined Duck Coats at BARGAIN PRICES.



MEN'S FINE DRESS SHIRTS

\$2 values, Wilson Bros. Shirts\$1.39
\$1.50 values, Wilson Bros. Shirts98c
\$1 values, Wilson Bros. Shirts69c
75c values Wilson Bros. Shirts48c

LADIES' AND MEN'S PHOENIX MUFFLERS

One lot 25c Mufflers now15c
35c values now19c
50c values now25c
Men's fine Silk Mufflers, folded with clasps, all colors. Regular \$1.00 values for49c
These are new and very fashionable



MEN'S FINE SILK NECKWEAR

\$1.00 values75c
75c values49c
50c values25c
25c values19c

Men's Sweater Coats and Cardigan Jackets

Man's fine imported jackets worsted yarn, with pockets. All colors.
\$5.00 values\$3.98
\$4.00 values\$2.98
\$3.00 values\$2.25
\$2.50 values\$1.98

COLLAR CASES

Men's silk lined leather Collar Cases, all colors.
\$3.00 values\$2.45
\$2.50 values\$1.98
\$2.00 values\$1.48
\$1.50 values98c
75c values49c

LADIES' FINE SWEATER COATS

\$8.00 and \$10 values now\$6.50
\$6.00 values now\$3.98
\$4.00 values now\$2.98
\$3.00 and \$3.50 values now\$2.48
\$2.00 values now\$1.48

MEN'S FUR CAPS

\$5.00 values\$2.98
\$4.00 values\$2.48
\$3.00 values\$1.98

J. E. WILLING, JR., 115-117 S. 4TH ST. LA CROSSE, WIS.

REBATES MADE CARNEGIE RICH

Senator Oliver Says Steel Trust Has Arbitrarily Maintained Excessive Rates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. — That the United States Steel corporation has "arbitrarily and unreasonably" maintained an excessive railroad rate on iron ore on its subsidiary railroads from lake points to the Pittsburgh district was the charge made by Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania before the Stanley steel investigating committee today.

Senator Oliver declared that the ninety-six cent rate on ore from Conneaut, Ohio, and Erie, Pa., to mill points near Pittsburgh, was exorbitant and asserted that the cost price of carrying a ton of ore over that distance was about twenty-eight cents. He suggested fifty cents as a reasonable rate to allow transportation lines a fair profit.

Under examination with regard to Andrew Carnegie and his scheme to control the steel industry by controlling the railroads which supplied the Pittsburgh field with lake Erle ores, Oliver said:

"Mr. Carnegie maintained a great part of his prosperity through his arrangements with railroads for sec-

EIGHT ARMY MEN IN DYNAMITING CHARGE

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Dec. 15. —With eight persons already under arrest and rumors of further sensational developments, the Fort Riley dynamiting cases today formed the principal topic of conversation in this neighborhood.

While the usual army secrecy surrounds every move in the case, it is authoritatively reported that the confession of Private Michael Quirk covers fifty pages and implicates many persons besides those already in custody.

It is expected that the preliminary hearing of the accused persons will be held before Commissioner Chase here early next week.

Pastor Denies Charge
ALTUS, Okla., Dec. 15. — Rev. Thomas M. Brewer, former U. S. army chaplain, accused of complicity in dynamite outrages at Fort Riley, Kas., today emphatically repeated his denials of the charges, saying that he would prove an absolute alibi.

ret rates lower than those paid by his competitors. He would not have been able to maintain his position in the steel business without these rates.

Oliver discussed at length the methods of the Steel trust roads in collecting excessive percentages of through rates on all commodities carried over their short lines.

LINDBERGH DEMANDS MONEY TRUST PROBE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. —Attacking the entire financial system of the country, Representative Lindbergh (Rep., Minn.) today appeared before the rules committee of the house to support his resolution providing for special committee to probe the money trust.

Lindbergh said that a group of New York capitalists dominate the entire financial situation, through controlling the reserve funds of the national banks.

"Our entire financial system is false," said Lindbergh. "It is a huge burden on the people. The money kings know that the people are sweating under it and since there are some rather loose points about their control, they want to make a change in the interests of Wall street and have proposed the Aldrich plan."

KING WILL SIGN THE INSURANCE BILL

LONDON, Dec. 15. —The house of commons this morning conferred in the lords' amendments of Lloyd-George's industrial insurance bill. The measure now needs only the royal assent to become a law. King George will send a notice tomorrow that the law is agreeable to him.

The insurance law is one of the biggest measures that the government has undertaken in recent years and will be carefully watched by other countries.

MAY BREAK WITH RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. —A temporary cessation of commerce between the United States and Russia may result if the treaty of 1832 is started immediately for a new, modernized near San Pedro. The leaders, Dr. ern and satisfactory treaty," said Representative Sulzer (Dem., N. Y.) after a conference with Secretary of State Knox, today.

MAY OUST LINDSAY

DENVER, Col., Dec. 15. —That Mayor Speer and his cohorts planned to oust Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the juvenile court from his office by force, as they ousted County Assessor Henry J. Arnold last night, was the assertion made today by Arnold.

"I am told," said Arnold, "that they planned to throw Lindsey out also, and would have done so but for Supervisor Meyers. He told Mayor Speer that public sentiment would not stand for throwing Lindsey out. Lined up with Meyers were three more of the seven supervisors and that's how Lindsey happened to remain unmolested."

Arnold announced that he intended to make a fight in the courts. Governor Shafroth today called the ousting of Arnold illegal, disgraceful and anarchistic.

EXTRA!

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. — Ethel Graham and Helen Conrad both acquitted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. —After being out for thirty minutes the jury in the case of Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, charged with shooting Millionaire W. E. D. Stokes, returned a verdict of not guilty to-night.

Stokes was shot on June 6, by Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham. At the trial it was alleged that he had caused the downfall of Lillian Graham at his stock farm in Lexington, Ky.

WOOL WEARERS AND GROWERS ARE ROBBED

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15. —Wool growers and wool wearers are both being robbed by the middlemen, mere handlers of wool, according to Magnus Brown, Farmington, Minn., president of the Minnesota Wool Growers' association, who spoke to the Wool Growers' convention today.

He asserted that the wool tariff has little to do with the high price of woolen fabric, and that the only real solution of the problem was the establishment of wool manufactures by the wool growers and the inauguration of a producer-to-consumer method of selling wool and cut out the middlemen's profits.

"The consumer has been educated to believe the wool growers have been making big profits but this is false. We have been getting poor prices for our wool, while the wearer has been paying big prices, the profits going into the hands of mere wool handlers," said Brown.

WHITE SLAVERS SAY THEY BRIBED POLICE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. —John and Zoe Willard, alias Wilson, former proprietors of a disorderly resort in this city, were today found guilty of violation of the Mann white slave act in the circuit court. The specific charges against the couple was the enticing of girls from Milwaukee, Wis. Sentence was reserved. Yesterday the two defendants swore that they paid money to Chicago police officials for "protection."

SHUSTER IN NO DANGER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. —Aid of congress to protect W. Morgan Shuster is not needed, Secretary of State Knox said today, after a lengthy conference with Chairman Sulzer of the house committee on foreign relations. He told Congressman Sulzer that no personal danger threatens Shuster.

MISS LULU LATAMORE A DECEMBER BRIDE

Miss Lulu May Latamore, of 1107 Jackson street, and Alfred S. Gilbertson, 1112 Market street, were united in marriage by Justice T. J. Ritter, 923 Avon street, at his home at eight o'clock last night.

The wedding was private, only relatives being present at the ceremony.

The bride is a well known La Crosse girl who has a large number of friends, while Mr. Gilbertson is a popular electrician in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson left this morning for a trip and upon their return they will reside at 1112 Market street.

ECKERT JUDGED SANE

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. —The late Thomas T. Eckert, millionaire and former president of the Western Union Telegraph company, was in sound mind when he willed the bulk of his estate to his son, Thomas T. Eckert, Jr., according to the decision handed down by Surrogate Holahan this afternoon. The will was contested by another son, Clendennin Eckert, who had been left \$50,000.

LORIMER RECORD BULKY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. —The record in the Lorimer case today comprises 3,500,000 words, encased in eighteen fat volumes. Senators may read it over on Sunday afternoons, suggested one of the lawyers.

FOUR LABOR LEADERS MAY BE ARRESTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. —It is reported here that the federal grand jury at Los Angeles obtained all the information necessary for the arrest of four San Francisco labor leaders.

Assistant Attorney General Lawler has reported to Attorney General Wickersham and is believed to have put it up to the latter to direct whether Lawler shall get warrants from Judge Wellborn of Los Angeles or shall turn the matter over to the Indianapolis authorities and secure arrests from there.

INDICTED PACKERS BARRED

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. —J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co., and one of ten defendants in the government's criminal suit under the Sherman law, admitted this afternoon that his firm had been notified by the British government that no bids could be received from Armour & Co., on British army contracts, until the termination of the present suit against the packers.

Armour refused to comment on the matter.

PLAY CHILDREN'S BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. —Uncle Sam may summon Aunt Samuela to be official nurse to American kiddies, if congress votes for the children's bureau to have charge of child welfare, labor and health.

MINE DISASTER TO BE PROBED

Government and State Seek Causes of Briceville Catastrophe; Sixty-seven Bodies Recovered

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15. —The government rescue men under the direction of Dr. Rutledge of the United States bureau of mines, today began their investigation into the causes of the disaster of Cross Mountain mine, from which sixty-seven men have already been taken out dead. The bodies of at least twenty are still believed to be in the mine.

The government report will be secret. However, the state of Tennessee is making an independent investigation, the result of which will be given publicity.

The points under investigation by the government are the methods of sprinkling used in settling the dust at the mines, and the ventilation and the possibilities of having saved lives if there had been an efficient rescue duty.

An agent of the Carnegie hero commission is on the way to Briceville to hunt for the heroes of the disaster.

One can't tell how hard a man is lifting by the way he grunts.

LISTEN!

Special Offer for Week Before Christmas Only.

Handsome Leather Card Case and Fifty Printed Calling Cards for only 75c

LISTEN—The workmanship and material are the usual "Inland Quality." Money refunded if not satisfied. You are invited to call and inspect before ordering.

LISTEN—Out of town orders when prepaid in postage stamps or otherwise, will be taken care of same day and sent postpaid to any address.

LISTEN—Isn't this an answer to the question, "What to Give?" Place your order today. Store open evenings until Christmas.

The Inland Printing Co.

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AND LOOK OVER OUR SPLENDID LINE OF SAUSAGES, MEATS AND POULTRY

WE HAVE SOME VERY SPECIAL BARGAINS TO OFFER.

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KAUFMAN SLAYER NOT AFRAID TO DIE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Declaring that he was "not afraid to die," and that he deserved punishment for his part in the killing of Mrs. Edward Kaufman, Fred Boneham today gave the police a full story of the crime. He blames George Robineau for the actual murder, declaring Robineau lost his head and that when all that the gang intended was to rob Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman.

Police think Robineau has fled to Florida. They are searching for the other youths. Two of the four are already in custody.

MAGNATES WANT STATE PROTECTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Magnates of the National league said today they would use all their efforts to have the states, in which National league clubs play, pass laws which will make it a crime to speculate in baseball tickets.

This, in effect, is the only answer to the resolution passed by the American league which many at first thought presaged a war between the two major leagues.

42 OUTLAWS KILLED

LANAO, Mindanao, P. I., Dec. 15.—A detachment of American scouts surprised a party of Moro outlaws today and killed forty-two of them. None of the American soldiers was injured.

POOR FARMS FOR MODELS IS PLAN

Novel Idea Adopted by the Conservation Committee on Farm Fertility in United States

HILL'S SPEECH IS IMPETUS

Address of Railroad Man at Chicago Land Show Emphasizes Need for Better Methods

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—"Make the county poor farms the model farms of every county where the lessons of good seed, good fertilizing and good methods shall be taught," this is the slogan soon to be proclaimed by a committee seeking a practical plan of soil conservation and general agricultural education.

The need for some nation-wide, practical method of arousing farmers to the immediate profit of building up instead of depleting their farms was given new impetus by the speech of James J. Hill at the opening of the great land show in Chicago. "If American resources are to be conserved the farmer must be educated on his own ground and in a practical way," said Mr. Hill. "Practically all of the so-called expert or practical information on farming disseminated by our colleges today is too technical to be understood by the farmer. It goes over his head. If the farmer is to be made to understand the value of the soil and how to replace its fertility he will have to be met on his land and shown how to do it there. He doesn't pay any attention to present methods for conserving the soil. He is going ahead in the same way that farmers have done through all the centuries. The same thing was done years ago in Morocco and in the days of Rome. At one time in the world's history Sicily produced 12,000,000 bushels of wheat and now it produces only 1,000,000. The farmer worked the soil as long as he could without thought of fertilization."

Exhibits from 20 states and several provinces of Canada are in place at this third annual land show at the Coliseum. Great interest among city men and women has been aroused in the movement back to the land. The exhibits have given them something tangible to see from all localities, for the states repre-

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MAKE THE COMING
 Christmas a joyous one for your Wife, Son or Daughter by depositing to their credit at our Savings Department \$5, \$10, \$15 or more as a Christmas Gift?
 They'll appreciate such a Gift — be proud of their Bank Account and strive to increase it. Act upon this suggestion today while you think of it—3 per cent interest will be added to the amount from January 1st.

THE SECURITY SAVINGS BANK
 La Crosse, Wis.
 Loans, Real Estate, Insurance

LABOR OFFICIALS IN BITTER COMPLAINT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Complaining bitterly that its enemies are making the most of the McNamara aftermath to crush union labor, President Samuel Gompers and Secretary Frank Morrison, have sent to all union locals copies of the statement made by the McNamara defense fund committee. In an accompanying letter they say:

"In the recent past, the good name and high ideals of our great labor movement, its men, and the cause of humanity they represent, have been attacked as never before. Every enemy, every 'interest' arrayed against the organized workers has howled like Dervishes."

"Labor resents the insinuation that because one or two union members became criminally fanatical, or fanatically criminal, that the rank and file and the officers of the labor movement, are responsible either legally or morally."

If Santa Claus wanted a new suit of clothes and came down the chimney, would it suit him?
 Doing the right thing is seldom a source of worry.

Represented are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Utah, Mississippi and Texas.

LAW NOT OPPOSED SAYS COMMISSION

Declare La Crosse County Board Does Not Oppose Highway State Aid Law

DENY COUNTIES' OPPOSITION

"Monroe, Vernon and Trempealeau would Try New Law," Is the Assertion

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—The state highway commission has received official reports refuting the recent stories of opposition to the new state highway law on the part of boards of supervisors of several counties in western Wisconsin. It had been heralded that the boards would refuse to comply. The counties were La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon and Trempealeau.

The reports to the commission show that La Crosse county not only met the town appropriations equally, but also appropriated \$2,450 to make up the state's share of one-third of the cost of construction—something no other county in the state has done. The sentiment for good roads in that county is declared to be as favorable as in any county in the state.

While the Monroe county board passed a resolution condemning the law, the board appropriated the county's share of the cost of work in laying out a system of highways, and selected a highway commissioner. Vernon county took the same action except that no resolution adverse to the law was passed. The county complied fully with the law.

Trempealeau also complied with every provision and also increased the salary of the county highway commissioner from about \$300 to \$900.

In general, affairs in all of these counties are in good shape and the commission says there is a disposition to give the law a fair trial.

ASQUITH REASSURES WOMEN

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the National Anti-suffragist society called on Premier Asquith and were assured that the government would make every effort to prevent the proposed franchise reform bill from being amended so as to give women the right to vote.

Tree-Ripened Oranges Cost No More

The finest oranges in the world—the prize crop of 5,000 California groves—are "Sunkist." These are the perfect oranges with the valuable wrappers. Your dealer will supply you with luscious "Sunkist" oranges—that ripen on the tree—a finer flavor than you have ever before tasted—at no higher prices than you have paid for those of much less quality.

Insist on each orange coming to you in a wrapper marked "Sunkist." For such are genuine.

Most Healthful of All Fruit

Children's "sweet tooth" is satisfied by this wholesome fruit. Healthful and economical "Sunkist" oranges now take the place of sweets in many homes.

Beautiful Orange Spoon Yours

Save 12 "Sunkist" orange or lemon wrappers, or trademarks cut from wrappers, and send them to us, with 12c in stamps to help pay charges, packing, etc., and we will send you this genuine Rogers' silver orange spoon. For each additional spoon send 12 wrappers or trademarks and 12c in stamps.

Not responsible for cash sent through the mails.

Fruit Knife for 24 Wrappers

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Table Knife	Oyster Fork
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Send for full description, number of wrappers and amount of cash necessary to secure each article. Pers are valuable.

California Fruit Growers' Exchange
 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. (116)

REMARK TO TRAINER'S WIFE PROVES FATAL

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 15.—Alvin Davis, Rhinelander, Wis., is held in jail here following an assault last night on Thomas Prues, of this city as the result of an encounter with Prues, claiming Prues insulted his wife. Prues died early today of a fractured skull. Davis, who is well known prize fighter trainer arrived here with his wife last night. He entered a hotel while his wife waited outside. Reappearing Davis' wife told her husband Prues had accosted her. Davis is then said to have struck Prues, fracturing his skull.

MAY MEET K-O BROWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mike Gibbons has been offered a twenty-round bout with Knockout Brown of Chicago, by Jimmy Coffroth, the coast promoter. Brown is in the far west now and eager to meet Gibbons.

The fire of genius is often unable to make the pot boil.

A Real Merry Christmas

IDEAL GIFTS FOR MEN

Slippers—in tan, black and red, leather or felt, from **48c to \$1.75**

There's nothing more acceptable than a pair of our splendid Men's Shoes at from **\$2.50 to \$5.00**

IDEAL GIFTS FOR WOMEN

Felt Juliets — in black, brown and maroon colors, fur trimmed and hand turned soles, from **75c to \$1.25**

We are showing a nice line of Evening Slippers in black satin, white canvas and black dull and patent Pumps. Beautiful gifts.

IDEAL GIFTS FOR BOYS

High Cut Shoes, just what they wanted, in tan, with or without rawhide laces, boys' sizes, from **...\$2.50 to \$3.00**

Youths' sizes, from **...\$1.75 to \$2.75**

One special lot of tan High Cuts, E. C. Skuffer Shoes, reduced to—

Boys' at **...\$1.88**

Youths' at **...\$1.48**

IDEAL GIFTS FOR GIRLS

Make the little girl happy with a pair of Jockey Boots this Christmas. We have them in patent and dull leathers, patent cuff tops.

Misses', from **...\$2.00 to \$2.50**

Child's, from **...\$1.75 to \$2.00**

Fur trimmed Felt Slippers, \$1.00 values, for **...75c**

For baby we have a splendid line of Moccasins in all colors, for **...50c and 25c**

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When in doubt give a bond. This method of gift giving is becoming more popular each year. We issue them for any amount, redeemable in all departments. On sale at our main office.

RED CROSS SEALS

Put Red Cross Seals on your letters and packages from now until Christmas. Help to stamp out the great white plague—tuberculosis. 1c. in all departments.

WAIST PATTERNS

Handsome genuine hand embroidered whole waist patterns, packed in a neat holly box, all ready for giving. These are not just fronts, but the whole waist patterns, showing most fetching hand embroidered designs in pure white, pink, blue, etc. Priced special at \$1.98, \$1.48, \$1.25 and 98c.

Dress Goods Dept.

FANS

Exquisite creations—suitable for gifts at Yuletide.

PURE SILK, various painted designs of flowers, etc., showing desirable shades of pink, and light blue. Priced special

29c

PURE WHITE DOUBLE SILK FANS—Dainty carved bone sticks; lovely spangled or hand painted effects. Priced at 75c, 69c and

59c

PURE WHITE DOUBLE SILK FANS—Genuine Ivory sticks, showing gold and silver or hand painted decorations in tiny spray patterns. Priced from \$1.69

89c

PURE WHITE FANS—Masterpieces in fans—double gauge, pure silk with lace edges and insertions; beautifully decorated in gold and silver spangles. Unequaled values, at \$6.00 down

\$1.75

Main Floor

HOSIERY

Make most practical presents for men, women and children.

WOMEN'S SILK HOSE—Elegant quality, fine silk with mercerized lisle tops, heels and toes. Showing all shades popular for winter. Priced special per pair

49c

WOMEN'S SILK HOSE—Very finest imported or domestic silk hosiery

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WOMEN'S BOXED HOSE—Fine grade, perfect fitting, packed in Christmas box up from

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MEN'S SILK HOSE—Best grade packed 2 pair in box at

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MEN'S Lisle HOSE—Packed 4 pair in neat holly box for

\$1.00

MEN'S HOSE SPECIAL—Elegant grade wool hose priced up from pair

10c

INFANTS' fine cashmere black, tan, blue, pink, red or white hose with silk toes and heels, at per pair

25c

INFANTS' silk hose in all colors, at per pair

49c

GLOVES

High grade gloves of guaranteed quality.

VERONA, celebrated brand of genuine kid showing all shades, black, tan, brown, slate, navy, oxblood, mode, white, green, etc., 2 clasp. Priced at

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VIRGINIA Imported 2-clasp kid, none better at \$2.00 showing all colors, our price only

\$1.50

LEONORE, dressy street gloves, tan, brown and grey, 1-clasp, strong, and durable, priced at

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MITTENS, kid, either dressed or undressed, fleece lined priced at

49c

MITTENS, warm fleeced kid for misses and children priced up from

49c

MITTENS, women's and misses' double knit black yarn priced up from

9c

MITTENS, fine silk mittens priced

49c

\$1.50 to

SCARFS

Handsome new Auto Scarfs, just suitable for Xmas, at cut prices.

75c AUTO SCARFS—Best grade Japonica silk, polka dotted, coming full size in fashionable shades, helio, tan, black, light blue, navy, white, old rose, gray, pink and Copenhagen. Full 20 inches wide and 57 inches long

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75c AUTO SCARFS—Size 26x66, hem-stitched ends, rich plain shades of brown, white, black, rose, garnet, navy, Copenhagen, pink, grey and light blue, at

49c

\$1.50 AUTO SCARFS—Best grade fancy Japonica silks, with pretty brocaded borders and hemstitched ends, size 24x68 in brown, white, tan, pink, navy, light blue, etc., at

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\$2.00 AUTO SCARFS—Showing fancy open work stripes, rose patterns, dainty brocades, only

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Showing unlimited assortment of State and School Pennants all first grade felt in

La Crosse High School colors. La Crosse State Normal colors. University of Wisconsin colors. Yale colors.

Harvard colors. Princeton colors. Northwestern colors. Illinois colors.

Minnesota colors. Michigan colors. Chicago colors. Beloit colors.

Notre Dame colors. Iowa colors. Indiana colors.

Pennsylvania colors. Cornell colors and several others.

Small pennants at 25c. Larger ones in proportion.

Neckwear

Dainty conceits, specially adapted for gifts.

JABOTS, Irish crochet, plain lace trimmed, also with embroidered edges and center. Priced up from

25c

COLLARS, Irish Crochet collars, stocks and side effect frills priced down to 49 cents and

25c

RUCHING, by the yard, or packed in 6 assorted lengths in dainty box at

25c

COLLARS, all kinds of laundered collars, Lord Byron effects, or dainty embroidered band collars priced up from

10c

Christmas Stationery

Nothing could be more acceptable than a nice box of Stationery. Our assortment is second to none—We quote a few of our many values—



At 25c—A handsome holly box filled with fine line finished paper and envelopes to match.

At 35c—One quire of linen finished paper; envelopes to match, in pretty padded holly box.

At 39c—Pretty Ponsetta box hinged cover with lithograph picture on inside cover. Lined finished paper.

At 49c—Large fancy lithograph box; size 11x14, filled with line finished paper and envelopes to match.

WOMEN'S WEARING APPAREL IN HOLLY BOXES

Silk Petticoats

Big showing all very best grade fashionable shades and colorings guaranteed taffeta silk, plain and Persian Mesalines, various up-to-the-minute styles all packed in neat holly boxes, up from

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Very practical gifts each in a handsome box black, Heather-bloom Sateen, Hyde grade, Moires, etc., all new and fashionable priced up from

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Most comprehensive showing beautiful patterns and designs in percales, gorgeous Oriental and Persians in ducking, fleece and flannelette all in neat boxes. Something every woman needs. Priced up from

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For Baby

Showing best the market affords in Sacques, Booties, Veils, Sweaters, long and short dresses, etc. Let us show you our assortments before selecting.

Furs for Children Black Coney Sets

What will gladden the little girl's heart more than a set of handsome furs for Christmas? We show the best on the market, all kinds, sizes and prices, ranging at \$10.00 down to

98c

Made from the best French Dye skins, 36-inch plain pillow muff and extra large Russian shawl collar, lined throughout with Skinner satin; our price

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KID BODY DOLLS at 25c

15 1/2 inches high, good plump body, hip and knee joints, real shoes and stockings, good head with hair, open mouth exposing teeth; values that regularly sell at 50c, our price each at only

25c

Dress and Sets at 25c up to \$4.00

\$1.25 DOLLS at 98 Cents

15 1/2 inches high, full jointed, moving eyes, assorted delicate colored dresses, made of soft crepe material with wide ruffle collar around square yoke of barred dimity, outlined with lace, long satin tabs, hats trimmed with flowers, real shoes and stockings, dolls fully worth \$1.25, specially priced each at only

98c

Schoenhut Pianos .19c

Chair Sets .10c

Steel Ranges .10c

Tea Sets .47c

Tool Chests, with tools, at .23c

Laundry Sets .25c

Toy Stables .23c

Tables, at .25c

Carpenter Set .5c

Trains, at .19c

Rocking Horses .48c

Magie Lanterns .25c

Tin Trumpets .3c

Xmas Footwear for Men

EACH PAIR IN NICE HOLIDAY BOX.

Imitation alligator Everett Slippers, black, in sizes 6 to 11, at pair

75c

Black Velvet Everett Slippers, embroidered vamp, sizes 6 to 11, pair

85c

Vici Kid Everett Slippers, tan or black, with patent leather insert, at pair

\$1.25

Vici Kid Everett and Opera style, black or tan, all sizes, \$1.25 to

\$1.50

Vici Kid Romeo, black or tan, hand turned soles, at per pair

\$1.50

BOYS' LEGGINGS—Variety of styles in Corduroy, Leather, Bearskin, Chinchilla, Canvas and Jersey, assorted colors, all sizes, pair from 45c to

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OVERGAITERS—6, 7 and 10 button lengths, in black, red, green, brown and blue, all sizes, 39c to

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MOCCASINS—Genuine Elk skin, with beaded vamps and silk sewed, all sizes, at pair

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Santa Claus Show!

Every 20 minutes on the second floor. Let the children talk with the real live Santa Claus.

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"Hoffman's Old Time Coffee," Jello and Cocoa, now in progress. Samples served Free.

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Saturday Dress Goods Bargains

25c DIMITY CHECKS, most desirable materials for holiday aprons, kimonas and dresses; finest quality, with dainty floral designs, pink, blue, lavender and yellow. All brand new, priced special for Saturday, per yard

15c

60c SILK SCARFINGS, showing 2,000 yards brand new handsome silk, plain shades of pink, blue, helio, yellow, corn and white, all with beautiful border; genuine 50c and 60c quality, Saturday, yard

39c

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5 1/2c

BLUE SERGE—10 pieces full yard wide all wool navy blue serge showing 3 most desirable shades, Saturday special, per yard

49c

\$1.50 Dress Goods 75 cents

Exactly 10 pieces all wool checked dress goods, measuring full 44 inches wide, showing most fashionable check combination, green and black, grey and black, brown and black, and blue and black. Best \$1.50 quality Saturday per yard

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\$1.50 Black Taffetta 98c

Very best grade black 36 in. wide chiffon finish taffetta, especially adapted for dresses, waists or drop linings. This grade never sold for less than \$1.50; priced special for Saturday

98c

10 lbs. Granulated Sugar 59c

With Grocery Order of 50c or More

Granulated Tea, fancy Japan, 1/2 lb. package, each	25c	Package Currants, each	25c
Fancy St. Clara Prunes, lb. 10c, 12 1/2c. 15c and	18c	Malaga Grapes, per lb.	20c
Sweet Corn, limit 1 can to a customer, per can	5c	Fresh Oysters, per quart	35c
Fancy white Cream Cheese, per lb.	20c	Early June Peas, per can	10c
Jello, assorted flavors, 3 for	25c	Almonds, per lb.	22c
Cranberries, per quart	12c	California Walnuts, per lb.	20c
Fresh baked Soda Crackers, 2 lbs. for	15c	Jumbo Pecans, per lb.	20c
Cleaned bulk Currants, per lb.	12c	Brazils, per lb.	18c

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Gloves and Mittens of all kinds, for ladies, girls and boys.

Ladies' 2 clasp kid gloves, per pair \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75
Ladies' 12 button length kid gloves, per pair **\$2.75**
Ladies' 16 button length kid gloves, per pair **\$3.00**
Ladies' Prix seam cape gloves, per pair \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75
Ladies' gauntlet gloves, pair \$1.75, \$2.25
Ladies' lined gloves and Mittens, per pair 75c to \$1.75
Children's P. K. and Prix seam kid gloves, per pair... **\$1.00**
Children's lined gloves and mittens, per pair 50c to \$1.00
Children's gauntlet gloves, pair... 50c, 75c
SPECIAL — Children's gauntlet gloves, lined gloves, rough rider gloves, lined mittens, fur top mittens; 75c values. **49c**
Special per pair **49c**

Xmas Handkerchiefs

Exceptional bargains in Christmas Handkerchiefs for Saturday.

MADERIA HANDKERCHIEFS—The genuine hand embroidered kind, scalloped edges and embroidered corners, regular prices up to 85c each. Saturday, **49c**
Men's pure linen handkerchiefs, with open work embroidered initials; six in a box; values to 20c each. Special **12 1/2c**
Ladies' fine sheer handkerchiefs with embroidered initials and wreaths; put up six in a neat box, cheap at 50c box. **39c**
Special per box **39c**

Christmas Aprons

Here is a bargain in fine white lawn aprons, with embroidered scalloped edges and neat embroidered designs, embroidery in white, pink, blue and lavender. These are cheap at 50c each. Saturday special, each **39c**

DRAPERY DEPT.

THIRD FLOOR TAKE ELEVATOR
Couch Covers, 3 yds. long, at each **79c**
Tapestry Portieres, at per pair **\$2.98**
Table Runners, each **\$1.00**
Novelty Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 yds. long, pair ... **\$1.95**
Cedar Boxes, each **\$9.75**
Burlap Pillow Slips, each **29c**

Beaded Bags

Here are some great bargains in fine imported beaded bags, beautiful combinations of colors.

Beaded bags that sold up to \$5.00 each, for **\$2.75**
Beaded bags that sold up to \$9.00 each, for **\$4.75**

Jewelry Bargains

Mesh bags with long chains, the 50c kinds, each **39c**
German silver mesh bags, with long or short chains, values up to \$5.00. **\$2.95**
Special, each **\$2.95**
Jeweled and mounted Back Combs, values up to \$3.50 each. Special, each **95c**
Big assortment of popular jewelry at a sacrifice price. Hat Pins, Bar Pins, Brooch Pins, and Sash Pins, values up to 75c each. Special each **35c**

Ladies' Bags

We have the biggest variety of ladies' leather bags ever shown in La Crosse. Over two hundred styles to select from, all new and up-to-date, the values will surprise you. At each **\$1.00 to \$10.00**
SPECIAL — A big lot of leather bags, velvet bags, satin bags and tapestry bags, all new styles and worth \$1.50 each. Special, each **95c**

Christmas Ribbons

Quality ribbons in all the wanted kinds in best widths and colors.

SPECIAL — Heavy pure silk taffeta and moire ribbons in all the best colors, fancy floral ribbons in dark and light colors, pretty plaid ribbons and check ribbons. Values up to 50c a yard. Special, yard **29c**

Ladies' Neckwear

All of our new up-to-date neckwear is put up each piece in a dainty Christmas box. Immense variety. Each **25c to \$2.50**
SPECIAL — Auto Scarfs with hemstitched ends, new side sweeps, jabots, rabats and other novelties, values up to \$1 each. Special, each **49c**

Ladies' Suit Bargains

A lot of ladies' and misses' fall and winter suits, made of fine serges, worsteds, chevrons, broadcloths and fancy mixtures. Suits in the lot worth up to \$25.00. **\$10.00**
Choice, each **\$10.00**

BAZAAR

SECOND FLOOR

Our great array of Toys on second floor proves an unending delight to the little ones. Everything the childish heart loves, a half hour's time will put you in possession of enough Toys to make the bright eyes of every child you are going to remember snap with joy.

Specials for Saturday

Celluloid Dolls' Heads, Dutch Dolls, Shoes, Stockings, Doll Rattles, Celluloid Birds, Knitted Mittens and Caps **Choice 5c**

Bureaus, Stuffed Animals, High Chairs, Games, Tops, Knives and Forks, Esquimaux Dolls, Jointed Bisque Dolls, Knitted Toques, that sold for 15c **Choice 10c**

Pastry Sets, Toy Scales, Celluloid Heads, Chairs, Tables, Dressed Dolls, 6 piece Set Blue Enamel Dishes, that sold for 25c **Choice 19c**

Dishes

21 piece set of China Tea Dishes in different decorations, \$1.00 values, Saturday only, set **75c**
22 piece set of China Tea Dishes in beautiful decorations, 75c values, Saturday, set **59c**
16 piece set of China Tea Dishes, with 6 Tea Spoons, 35c values. Saturday, set **25c**

Stools and Tables

Natural finished Birch Stools and 12x15 Red Tables; 50c values. Saturday, choice **35c**

Buggies

Doll Buggies, made of all steel, with imitation leather seat, only each **50c**
\$1.25 large size steel Buggy, only each **\$1.00**
\$1.75 large size steel Top Buggy, only each **\$1.50**

Undressed Dolls

65c kid body jointed dolls, moving eyes and eye lashes, at each **50c**
\$1.25 character dolls, the much wanted doll. Saturday only, **\$1.00**
25 inch bisque doll, full jointed, moving eyes; worth \$2.00. Saturday, each **\$1.00**

Dressed Dolls

16 inch Dressed Dolls that sold for 35c and 39c, Saturday each **25c**
\$2.50 and \$2.75 Dressed Dolls in pink, red, blue. Saturday only, each **\$1.75**

Ladies' Coat Bargains

Ladies' and misses' winter coats in black kersey and plush, fancy mixtures and double faced materials. A lot of coats that sold up to \$20.00 each. Take your choice Saturday, each **\$10.00**

Fancy Linens

Our assortment of Christmas linens cannot be duplicated in the city. Many special items in this department for Saturday. See the display on tables in main aisle.

Ladies' Skirt Bargains

We have 100 ladies' dress skirts to close out, they are made of fine wool serges, panamas, poplin and mixtures; we have divided them into two lots for quick selling.

Skirts worth up to \$10.00, go Saturday at **\$3.95**
Skirts worth up to \$13.50, go Saturday at **\$5.75**

Basement!

Turkey red fast color 50c grade and choice bleached Union Damask, 50c quality, yard **39c**

Crib Blankets, pink and blue, each at **39c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00**
Robe Blankets, cord and tassels. **\$2.50, \$3.50**

Wool finish silk bound Blankets, \$2 value, pair ... **\$1.75**

Sikoline covered Comforters at each **\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25**

Remnants of bleached Cambric, worth 12 1/2c, at yard **8 1/2c**

15c Ginghams, a big assortment at only, yard **12 1/2c**

19x40 hemmed bleached Huck Towels, each **12 1/2c**

45x36 hemmed Pillow Cases, 15c value, only each **12 1/2c**

Figured Wrapper Flannel, 15c and 18c value, only yard **12 1/2c**

12 1/2c Outing Flannel, a big assortment, only yard **10c**

Ladies' fleeced Union Suits, 75c value, for only **49c**

Vests and Drawers, special, each **25c**

DEFINITION OF "A PROGRESSIVE"

Who Believes in Bringing Government Closer to People and Opposes Machine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—On the congress opened a reactionary movement in the house of representatives gave utterance to a new doctrine of progressiveness. His idea was that progressives were merely a bunch of reactionaries who got in front of the progressive march. And then after the reactionaries had run over them they said the same game all over. This reactionary did not know the difference between a real progressive and a fake, or near progressive.

There are many samples of all varieties here in Washington.

What is a Progressive?

When the progressive movement started a very few years ago within the ranks of the republican party, the progressive was a man who usually did not agree with the machine, and when he disagreed with the machine he disagreed with it because the machine was turning out special privilege graft and not popular legislation. Therefore, it was that the early progressive belonged to the fighting minority. In other words, he was engaged in progressing, whereas the others were engaged in standing pat; and so it was that at first the reactionaries of the republican party began to use the word "Progressive" sarcastically, as a means of ridiculing the insurgents. For a while this worked. It fooled some of the people, and the reactionary press could talk of nothing else.

But every now and then Mr. Taft and others of his wing of the party would get up and protest that they,

too, were progressives. "Watch us Progress," they said, as they trod the same old treadmill round again. "We too, are progressives."

Bluff Nearly Works

For a very little while the bluff nearly worked. It really seemed as if the president was going to change his tactics, at least enough to be able to use the word "progressive" honestly. Mr. Ballinger, undoubtedly at the instance of C. P. Taft, removed himself from the cabinet. Norton of Norton-letter fame, disappeared into the maw of one of Mr. Morgan's Wall streets banks. And, observing these improvements, all stand-patters who wanted to be considered progressives cheered up. On the surface the situation seemed better, but underneath it was as tense as ever before—and getting tenser.

About this time the La Follette headquarters started up not two blocks from the White House, and the administration dropped all ideas of getting itself christened "progressive," and slumped back into its old ways. Now, when you use the

word progressive, there is no doubt as to which brand of politician you refer. Not only have we at last got a clear definition of progressive, but we know who is one and who isn't.

In the different states progressiveness of course varies as to details, but in the main the ear-marks of progressive republicanism are the same everywhere. As a typical sample of a progressive state platform, let us instance that of the Colorado progressives, who are scheduled to meet in a general conference in Denver next month. The progressives have started a state-wide campaign for the restoration of popular government. Here is its declaration of principles:

Typical Progressive Platform
"Believing that a crisis exists in the affairs of Colorado, and the nation, involving fundamental rights and liberties, the progressive republicans in Colorado, in preliminary conference assembled, hereby declare:

"We endorse the announcement of the National Progressive Republican

conference, held in Chicago, October 16, 1911.

"We favor Senator La Follette for president of the United States.

"We favor for Colorado a presidential preference primary law, and insist in the absence of such an enactment a presidential primary vote of Colorado republicans be called for voluntarily by the State Republican Central committee.

"We favor a constitutional amendment for the recall of all public officials.

"A headless ballot law.
"A short ballot law.

"An amendment to our direct primaries election law, eliminating the convention feature.

"A workingman's compensation law.

"An eight-hour law for women.

"A public utilities law for the control and regulation of the rates, capitalization, physical conditions and service of all public utilities in Colorado, including railways, tramways, telegraphs, telephones, light and water, with anti-pass and anti-

privilege provisions, modelled along the lines of the Wisconsin and New York laws."

DUKE IS RESCUED

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Worn out by their thrilling experiences aboard the wrecked steamer Delhi, the Duke and Duchess of Fife and their daughters, Princesses Alexandra and Maude, were landed at a lighthouse at Cape Sparte last evening. They will be picked up by a British warship. The duke was warm in his praise for the seamanship of the commander of the French cruiser Priant, which rescued the passengers of the Delhi.

ENGLISH SPY CAUGHT

LEIPSIG, Germany, Dec. 15.—Max Schulz, an English ship broker, was sentenced to seven years penal servitude on the charge of being a British spy. George Hipswich, a German, alleged to have been implicated with Schulz, was sentenced to twelve years while Rudolph Von Max and Schulz's house keeper were given three years in prison.

WHITE MAY HEAD MINERS

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 15.—Early returns from the election of international officers by the United Mine Workers of America, Tuesday indicate that President John P. White has carried the anthracite field. If these indications are borne out by the complete returns it will mean that he has overturned a majority of thousands given in each of the last three years for Thomas L. Lewis, who is the opponent of President White again this year.

In the election a year ago, Mr. Lewis' majority in the anthracite field ran close to the 10,000 mark.

TRAINS ARE DELAYED

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 15.—All trains on the La Crosse division of the St. Paul coming into the city were from hours to minutes late yesterday owing to the derailment of a freight engine in the Portage, Wis., yards last night. A derrick dispatched from here retracted the engine. No one was hurt.

Who I am

1. I am born of Mother Earth—my heart is of steel—my eyes are of glass—my limbs are of iron—my fingers are of brass.
2. I do brain work, but I have no brain—I work fast, early and late and am too stupid to make a blunder.
3. You find me in every country, my voice rings out around the World.
4. I speak every language, tell the truth, and nothing but the truth.
5. When I speak, millions listen: 1—The Caucasians, 2—the Mongolians, 3—the Ethiopians, 4—the Malays, 5—the Indians.
6. I need no food, but live as long as metal endures.
7. I handle all kinds of money, 1—Gold, 2—Silver, 3—Nickel, 4—Copper, 5—Paper in all currencies.
8. I make unchangeable records of all I do.
9. I remove temptation, shorten the hours of labor and keep people correct.
10. I protect the weak and strengthen the strong.
11. I give hope to the weary and make the world better.
12. I give 1—Publicity, 2—Protection, 3—Prosperity, 4—Profits, 5—Peace of mind.
13. I cost but little and do so much—I am the cash register.

TAFT FACES TWO POLITICAL GUNS

"Progressives in Both Parties Stand for 'Bob' and Wilson Against Taft"

—Cannon

EACH HAVE SECOND CHOICE

If La Follette Is Not Nominated, Progressives will Back Wilson, and Vice Versa

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 15.—In a communication to The Rocky Mountain News Former United States Senator Frank J. Cannon says:

"I have traveled in ten states since leaving Colorado a month ago. The cry of the progressives in these states—Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and even Missouri—is for La Follette and Wilson. The progressive democrats want the republican party to nominate Robert M. La Follette for the presidency; so that—if the democratic party shall lose—the people will win. And progressive republicans want the democratic party to nominate Woodrow Wilson; so that—if the republican party shall lose—still the people will win.

"You will observe that the progressive dove has at last learned wisdom from that wily old serpent, the system; whose favorite plan has been to select both candidates, subscribe to both campaign funds and then let the people, in deadly earnest, fight a useless battle.

"Personally, I fear that the progressive republicans cannot control their conviction, although that fear grows less as one observes with what gigantic stature La Follette is now standing in the public gaze. Half a dozen great periodicals of republican tendencies are advertising him as a political regenerator. He is more discussed—one might say more trusted—than Roosevelt. And it is possible that the popular feeling may find effective expression in the national convention. But it does not seem to be probable. The office-holding machine is powerful, insidious, and experienced. The interests are desperately determined to prevent a La Follette term in the white house, and their financial aid makes the machine almost irresistible. Frankly, I do not believe in this talk of a fatal breach between President Taft and Big Business. On both sides it looks like a calculated quarrel, a melodrama played for national entertainment. The need of such an affectation of battle is too obvious. Despite his earnest work, the people had no faith that President Taft would solve our vital problem and restore the government to the custody of the people. A play was needed. It is being played.

"So the hope for both La Follette and Wilson—and an insurance that in either event the country is turned toward redemption—is not as strong as the desire.

"But here remains Wilson, whose nomination by the democratic convention can only be prevented by insanity or perfidy—or both. Other candidates are able; they have sincere advocates. But the progressive republicans—as well as the mass of democrats—want Wilson nominated; and it is the progressive republicans whose votes will decide the issue.

"If both La Follette and Wilson shall be nominated, the progressives of the two parties will choose between them.

"If, as is more likely, Taft shall be the republican nominee, progressive of his party would turn almost en masse to Wilson—and Wilson is the only possible democratic nominee to whom they would thus turn. They will not leave Taft in order to vote for any democratic ally of the interests. They will not desert their own party to chance any humiliating experiment with the other. They want to preserve their self-respect and at the same time perform a high public service.

Nice Family Christmas Trees For Sale at 15c to 50c Per Tree.

Also Home Grown Butternuts and Walnuts 30c peck, \$1.10 bu.

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Old Phone 7494 New Phone 753-C

MILK UP TO GRADE IN HEALTH REPORT

Furstman Says Twenty-two Cases of Contagious Diseases were Reported Last Month

Out of twenty-two samples of milk and cream collected and tested by the health department during November it was found that none of the specimens examined was below grade according to the report issued today.

The report also shows that twenty-two cases of contagious diseases were reported during the month.

Contagious Diseases Reported

Diphtheria, 16; scarlet fever, 2; measles, 2; tuberculosis, 1; typhoid fever, 1. Total 22.

Diphtheria, positive 36; native, 114; total 150; widals, positive 1; negative, 11; total 12; sputums, negative 6; total, 6. Grand total 168.

Examinations for physical defects, 85; examinations for contagious diseases, 45; examinations at office of those who were out with suspicious sore throats, 17; examinations at their respective homes of those who were out with sore throats, 22.

Milk and Sanitary Inspection
Samples of milk and cream collected and tested, 22. None of the samples was below grade.

LOSES RACE

DENVER, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Louise McComas, who taught in fifty-six different Colorado counties during fifteen years of teaching, is dead. Her ambition was to teach in each of the sixty-one counties of the state.

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"If the engineers gave a reception, would it be proper to wear a long train? Baseball players know more about diamonds than jewelers do about baseball.

LOCAL BOYS TO SING AT NORMAL

Wesley Quartette to Return During Holidays to Give a Big Concert on December 19

La Crosse people will be given an opportunity to hear the Carroll College quartet, better known in this city as the Wesley quartet, when they appear at the normal school auditorium on Tuesday evening, December 19th.

This quartet, which is composed entirely of local boys, has pleased La Crosse audiences many times by their excellent singing. They have been together for many years and this fall they went to Carroll college, where all four of them are studying music. In the quartet are Edgar Best, first tenor; Earl Lockman, second tenor; John Otten, first bass, and Russell Oakes, second bass.

The boys are making a two weeks' tour of the state during the holidays when they will sing in the largest cities. They are being brought to La Crosse under the auspices of the Athletic association of the normal school and this will be their first appearance here in a program taking up the entire evening.

Recognized as a quartet of unusual ability the Wesley quartet has gained fame in the state and they have sung on many occasions. They were asked to sing before President Taft on his recent visit to Milwaukee and their singing made a big hit with everybody.

Before they left last fall the quartet went to many places in this vicinity to give concerts and as a result they were able to go to college by virtue of their own efforts for they practically earned their way through school. Since they have been at Carroll college they have become well known all over the state and they have been asked to sing in numerous cities.

In addition to the musical program which will be one arranged to please lovers of all kinds of music, both classic and popular, John Otten, first bass, gives several readings. Mr. Otten is an excellent reader and has pleased many audiences by his splendid work.

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Town of Onalaska:

NOTICE

The undersigned Road and Bridge Committee of the County Board will receive sealed bids at the office of the County Clerk on the 21st day of December, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. for rock for macadamizing as follows:

160 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Holmen road at the top of the hill, north of Midway.
200 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Holmen road in B. J. McCabe's field near the house of E. J. Boersma.

Town of Holland:

50 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Holmen road in B. J. McCabe's field near the house of E. J. Boersma.

Town of Barre:

Quarried rock to the amount of \$150.00 to be delivered and piled at the Barre Mills road at a point 1/2 mile southwest of the Welch school house.

(Bid to state number of cords to be delivered for the above amount).

Town of Hamilton:

50 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the north Salem road, 20 rods east of the Waterloo bridge.

Quarried rock to the amount of \$800.00 to be delivered on the north Salem road, 20 rods east of the Waterloo bridge.

(Bid to state number of cords to be delivered for the above amount).

Town of Burns:

Rock to the amount of \$1,350.00 to be delivered on the Burnham Valley road near Fred Meyer's farm.

(Bid to state number of cords or yards to be delivered for the above amount).

(Bids on above will be received for both crushed and quarried rock).

Town of Bangor:

120 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the Fish Creek road near Anton Hesselberg's farm.

Town of Greenfield:

130 cords of quarried rock to be delivered on the St. Joseph Ridge

road, 20 rods east of Matt Becker's house.

Town of Shelby:

648 yards of crushed rock, No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered to be delivered on the Mormon Coulee road between the farms of Casper Smith and August Mundstock.

Crushed rock to the amount of \$700.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the State Road Coulee road near the Pammel farm.

(Bid to state the number of yards of crushed rock to be delivered for the above amount).

(Bids on above will also be received for quarried rock).

Town of Campbell:

Crushed rock to the amount of \$1,400.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the south Salem road near the four-mile house where 1911 work ends.

Crushed rock to the amount of \$1,400.00 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the north Salem road near the Hartley farm at the intersection of the Onalaska road.

(Bids on both of the above will also be received for quarried rock).

Crushed rock to the amount of \$1,600 (No. 1-2 and screenings as ordered) to be delivered on the main French Island road where old macadam ends.

Town of Farmington:

200 cords of rock to be delivered on the Mindoro-West Salem road near Anton Lee's farm.

200 cords of rock to be delivered on the West Coulee-West Salem road near Ole Gilbertson's farm.

All rock contracted for must be good, hard, clean limestone, dimensions as follows: Quarried rock not to exceed 10 inches in thickness nor 18 inches in width; crushed rock No. 1 not to exceed 3 inches in diameter and not less than 2 inches in diameter; No. 2 not to exceed 2 1/2 inches in diameter and not less than 1 1/2 inches in diameter; screenings to be delivered as ordered. All crushed rock to be weighed, 2,500 pounds to constitute a yard.

Quarried rock to be piled at places designated in piles not less than 4 feet in height and in width either 8, 16 or 24 feet.

All quarried rock to be delivered on or before May 1st, 1912.

Crushed rock to be delivered as ordered.

Successful bidders will be required to furnish bonds in a sum equal to one-half the amount of the contract.

For further particulars address John Hintgen, County Highway Commissioner.

The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at La Crosse, Wis., this 7th day of December, 1911.

PETER GULLICKSON, FRED PAULSON, WM. WOLF, H. A. JACOBS, J. C. MOORE, OSCAR H. HULBERG, W. D. STRATMAN, Road and Bridge Committee.

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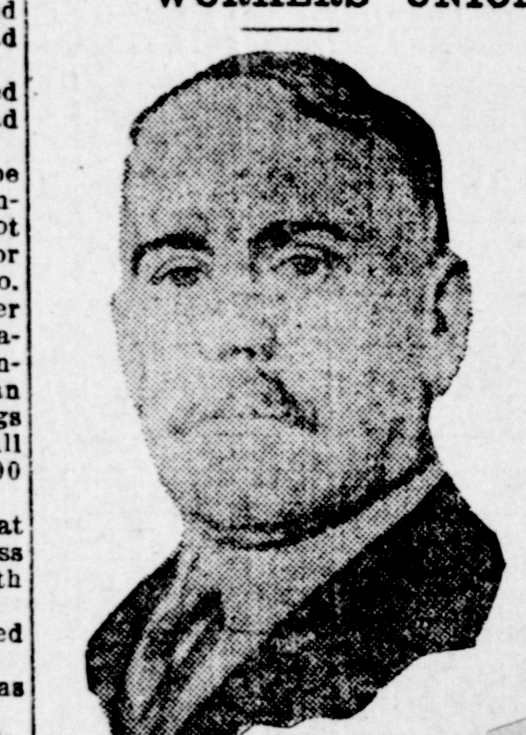
BUTTERMAKERS TO MEET

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 15.—The 1912 convention of the Wisconsin Buttermakers' association, will be held in Green Bay, February 6 to 9. The largest display of exhibits in the history of the association is expected. Many special premiums will be awarded.

REBELS PESTER MADERO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—Reports of a pro-Reyes revolt in Tlaxman, coupled with news of the defeat of the rurales at Cervallo, is bothering government officials today. Just as Madero thought he had the revolutions well in hand they began to reappear.

HEAD OF IRON WORKERS' UNION



FRANK M. RYAN

Frank M. Ryan, president of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Union, to which belonged the McNamara brothers.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS



With just ten more days to do your Christmas shopping, we want to remind you of what an acceptable Christmas gift a pair of House Slippers or a pair of nice Dress Shoes would make. We have a complete up-to-date line of Fancy Slippers, Dancing Pumps, Overgaiters and Leggings for men, women and children.



WHEN LOOKING FOR RUBBER GOODS, REMEMBER OUR QUOTED PRICES BELOW:

Men's 16 inch leather top, rolled edge rubbers, at	\$3.00	Men's plain edge, 1 buckle overshoes, at	\$1.25
Men's 12 inch leather top rubbers, at	\$2.25	Men's rolled edge 1 buckle overshoes, at	\$1.50
Men's 8 inch leather top rolled edge rubbers, at	\$1.97	Boys' dull heavy overshoes, at	\$1.00
Men's snag proof, rolled edge, two buckle rubbers for sox, at	\$2.00	Youths' dull heavy overshoes at	80c
Men's snag proof, high top rubbers, with buckle and lace, for sox	\$2.00	Women's 1 buckle overshoes at	85c
Men's plain edge, 4 buckle overshoes, at	\$2.00	Misses' 1 buckle overshoes, at	75c
		Child's 1 buckle overshoes, at	65c
		Women's rubbers, at	39c
		Men's snag proof rolled edge all rubber, for sox, at	\$1.59

Special: A buckskin shoe to wear inside of overshoes. Is warmer than a felt and will outwear three pair of felts. Doesn't cost any more. Price, pair **\$1.50**

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NORTH SIDE NEWS

\$1,000 TAX ON CAR WORTH \$350

Henry Benz Complains to Marvin that Out-of-date Auto was Assessed Three Times Value

Asserting that he was assessed taxes on a valuation of \$1,000 for an automobile that is worth at the outside \$350, Henry Benz, 1400 Berlin street, an engineer employed by the Burlington, this morning made a complaint to Alderman George B. Marvin of the Ninth ward.

Mr. Benz wants Mr. Marvin to bring the matter up before the council at the next meeting. He declares that he was not consulted concerning the value of the car when the assessment was made, and that the first he knew of the valuation placed upon the machine was the statement of his personal taxes which he received around the first of December.

The car in question is a Mitchell, five passenger machine, a model several years old. Mr. Benz declared this morning that if he wanted to sell the car he would not ask over \$350 for it.

Mr. Marvin said this morning that he would take the affair up at the next council meeting, and have it referred to the board of review or proper committee for settlement.

MAKES COLDS OR GRIPPE VANISH

Surely breaks the most severe cold and ends Grippe misery in just a few hours

You can surely end Grippe and break up the most severe cold either in head, chest, back, stomach or limbs, by taking a dose of Pope's Cold Compound every two hours until three consecutive doses are taken.

It promptly relieves the most miserable headache, dullness, head and nose stuffed up, feverishness, sneezing, sore throat, mucous catarrhal discharges, running of the nose, soreness, stiffness and rheumatic twinges.

Take this harmless Compound as directed, without interference with your usual duties and with the knowledge that there is no other medicine made anywhere else in the world, which will cure your cold or end Grippe misery as promptly and without any other assistance or bad after-effects as a 25-cent package of Pope's Cold Compound, which any druggist in the world can supply.

Pope's Cold Compound is the result of three years' research at a cost of more than fifty thousand dollars, and contains no quinine, which we have conclusively demonstrated is not effective in the treatment of colds or grippe.

JUDGE MAY JAIL OBSTINATE JURY

Refusal to Sign Verdict As Instructed May Result in Contempt Proceedings

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—Every word in legal history went by the board when at ten o'clock today Judge Withrow once more sent for the jury in the McDermott will case, and in answer to his query whether they had signed the verdict as he had instructed them, they emphatically answered "No." The jury had then been out sixty-eight hours.

Under the Missouri law, Judge Withrow has it in his power to imprison the members of the jury for contempt of court, and it is expected that the judge will take some action of this kind today unless the jurymen consent to sign the verdict as directed.

When the jury reported this morning, however, they were still smiling and seemed to take pride in their obduracy.

The case, which the jury took upon itself to "decide" in opposition to the instructions of the court, was a simple one, involving only a few hundred dollars in property which Mrs. Mary Farrington, daughter of Mrs. Bridget McDermott, deceased, claimed Father John White unduly influenced her mother to leave the Catholic church, cutting her off. Judge Withrow, after hearing the case, instructed the jury to bring a verdict for the defendant.

Harm in Extremes.
Too much noise deafens us; too much light blinds us; too great a distance or too much of proximity equally prevents us from being able to see; too long and too short a discourse obscures our knowledge of a subject; too much of truth stuns us.—Pascal.

Guard Against Undesirables.
About 250,000 immigrants are turned back every year by the immigration officials of this country. To guard the ports and boundaries against those whom the law forbids entry, the government employs nearly 2,000 trained men.

William Dean Howells' Snob Story
From Wales About the Retired London Tailor.

"I lunched with William Dean Howells in his apartment in Half Moon street while I was in London last month," said a Chicago essayist. "Mr. Howells was as boyish and gay as ever. He was as hard as ever on the snob."

"He told me a snob story he had heard in Wales. He said that a London tailor made his pile and retired to a Welsh castle, where he set up as a squire."

"But the tailor had hardly got established as a squire when a London hatter retired and set up in a neighboring castle as a squire also. It was disgusting."

"A friend, apropos of the ex-hatter's coming, said to the ex-tailor:

"Will you call on him?"

"Not I," was the reply. "One must draw the line somewhere."

"And so," said the friend, "you draw it round the neck, eh?"

Strive Always for Higher Things.
Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes contented with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds he is doing—when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger which he knows that he was meant and made to do.—Phillips Brooks.

Europe Has Us Beat.

"Why do so many people go abroad instead of seeing their own country?" "Well," Mr. Cumrox replied, "I hate to admit it, but I kind of think Europe has us beat on guides and press agents."

NORTH SIDE IN BRIEF

Andrew Sletten, 1229 Avon street, entertained the members of the Bethel Lutheran Church Debating club at his home last night.

Hamilton lodge, north side branch of the Knights of Pythias, will have work in the rank of esquire tonight.

Charles Pierce returned this morning from Milwaukee, where he has been visiting friends for a few days.

Miss Lena Stockemer, 609 Berlin street, is confined to her home with a severe illness.

Free! Free! With next Sunday Chicago Examiner, another beautiful picture. Don't miss it!

Frank Farnham returned this morning from Fennimore, Wis., where he was called a few days ago by the sudden serious illness of a brother. His brother's condition is still serious.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gear are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Kenyon, Waukesha, Wis.

Louis Schneider, who has been spending a few days with his cousin, H. V. Schneider, 1024 Avon street, returned today to his home in Yankton, S. D.

5c and 10c Christmas toys at Vredenburg's, 1636 George street.

The Floradora Embroidery club will meet this evening with Miss Lloba Roth, 1123 Charles street.

Alva and Arthur Allen, who have spent several months in McGregor, Iowa, have returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Davenport, Iowa, are visiting at the home of the latter's parents.

Miss Lena Dodge of Minneapolis is visiting at the home of Miss Carrie Owens.

Mrs. Minnie Christianson, who has been visiting friends here for some time has returned to her home in West Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mosher have returned from West Salem after a brief visit with friends there.

Mr. A. L. Kelly of Superior, Wis., is the guest of relatives and friends on the north side.

Go to Vredenburg's for your Christmas toys, 1636 George street.

Miss May Allen, who has been visiting relatives and friends on the north side, has returned to her home in Galesburg, Ill.

Mr. Irvin Butzmann, 1612 Berlin street, is the guest of relatives and friends in Alma, Wis.

Mr. Ray Yarrington, who has been attending an electrical show at Los Angeles, has returned to her home of the north side.

Mr. Emanuel Frey, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frey, 314 St. Paul street, has returned to his home in Milwaukee.

Miss May Frear of Milwaukee is the guest of relatives and friends on the north side for a few days.

Mrs. Apple of Trempealeau is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Merwin, 814 Gillette street.

Mr. Curtis Lyons, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Prairie du Chien, has returned to his home on the north side.

Mrs. Sweet, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ray, has returned to her home out of the city.

MANKIND IS STILL MEDIEVAL
Woman Lawyer Says the Attitude Toward Her Sex is Unjust and Barbaric.

That legislation tending to make marriage more difficult and divorce easier would lessen some of the evils of the social system was the opinion put forward in a talk on "The Law and the Lady," by Miss Mary Wood, a lawyer, at the Woman's Forum.

Miss Wood began her paper with a history of the attitude of the English lawmakers toward woman, touching on various statutes that now seem eccentric, such as the provision of the middle ages, which limited the cost of the cloth in a woman's dress to twelve pence a yard.

"And yet that was no more barbaric," said Miss Wood, "than the bill of the Massachusetts legislator, who would have put a ban on the skirts that were less than six inches below the knee, decollete gowns and fancy clocks on stockings. The bill was killed. I don't know what happened to the man who fathered it."—New York Evening Post.

More Man on Woman.

Sometimes it is funny to observe a woman who steps into a business office where she has never been before. She comes in hesitatingly, looks all around, notes the calendars on the wall, bites her lip, and then wants to know where she is. But, unlike on a trolley car, she can't step off backwards.

A woman who is traveling likes to carry a suitcase, a steamer trunk and a handbag. When she gets at the end of the journey she doesn't know what to do with the steamer trunk, and almost always nearly loses her handbag.

Whenever you see a woman who has the prettiest ankles in the world, she wonders, generally, why she isn't pretty everywhere else. She probably is, but everybody doesn't know it.

No woman feels at her level best until she gets her collar off and her sleeves rolled up, but she wouldn't have the next door neighbor know it on her life. Also, she likes the old kimono, and the older it is the better. —Boston Herald.

A Cook in Need.

Husband—"Did the cook you hired show up?" Wife—"No. Wasn't it fortunate? Another one rang our bell by mistake, looking for Mrs. Gillet, next door, and I've kept her instead." —Harper's Bazar.

J. H. TIETZ

NECESSARY ARTICLES FOR CHRISTMAS

CRIMP CANDY, lb.12½c
BROKEN CANDY, per lb.12½c
PEANUT BRITTLE, per lb.15c
BON BONS, per lb.20c
WALNUTS, per lb.20c
MIXED NUTS, per lb.18c
FILBERTS, per lb.18c
BRAZILS, per lb.18c
ALMONDS, per lb.20c
PECANS, per lb.18c
POP CORN, shelled, 6 lbs. for25c
HOME MADE MINCE MEAT, 2 lbs. for25c
CRANBERRIES, 3 quarts for25c
PUMPKIN, 3 cans for25c
CHRISTMAS TREES, from20c up to 55c

Both Phones. South Side Deliveries 912 Logan St.

P. E. Soderberg

You need not go from store to store to select your Christmas goods. You can get everything for Christmas at our store.

Suggestions for the Christmas Dinner:

ALL GRADES OF CANNED GOODS, PEACHES, PEARS, APRICOTS, ETC.
CURRANTS, RAISINS, CRANBERRIES, ASSORTED NUTS, FIGS, DATES, OLIVES, APPLES, BANANAS AND ORANGES AT LOWEST PRICES.
Select your TREES and TREE DECORATIONS at once from our large assortment.

TOYS

of all descriptions to delight the little folks, at prices ranging From 3 Cts. to \$3.00

Show the children our Motion Toys, Nursery Books, Games and Dolls, to suit every pocketbook.
We have a large assortment of CUT GLASSWARE and FANCY DISHES. Just the article for some dear friend or member of the family.
Our DRY GOODS and LADIES' FURNISHING DEPT. is bubbling over with ideal presents, such as Ribbons, Gloves (ladies' and men's), Ties, Mufflers, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Aviation Caps, etc.

Goods as good as the best—Prices as low as the lowest

1125-1127-1129 Gillette Street.

PREMIUMS BEATEN TWO OUT OF THREE

The Premiums were beaten in two out of three games on the Combination alloys last night by the Old Styles. High mark for a single game was made by Soller of the winners, who totaled 208 in his last game.

Scores:
Old Styles—
Micklestead146 204 141
Osweller127 160 151
Waite149 140 190
Soller134 147 208
Wittenberg185 169 191

Totals741 820 887
Premiums—
E. Yehle184 186 165
Swanson157 155 156
Flukiger125 126 198
Dockendorf168 162 195
A. Yehle138 153 121

Totals772 782 835
Reports have reached London of the discovery of kerosene in Tunis.



If Santa Claus Finds Coal
in your cellar he will know you are a good provider and that's the kind of people he likes. If you are not quite sure you have plenty better have us send you a ton or two. Above all things see that you have plenty for the kitchen range or else there may be trouble with the Christmas dinner.
STOEN & EBERHART COAL CO.
Coal—Coke—Wood Yard
"The Home of Good Fuel"
305 Wall St. Both Phones 191

Christmas Shoppers

ATTENTION!

We wish to say to you, be as particular and more so in selecting your eatables and luxuries as you would in buying your Christmas gifts for your dearest ones. Now is the time to do so while our stock is large and complete.

CANDIES—We have a most complete line of Christmas Candies to select from—Broken Mix, Crimp Mix, French Creams, Peanut Crisp, Maple Creams, Chocolate Chips, Jelly Cuts, Peppermint Creams, Elite Bitter Sweet Chocolates, ½ lb box Holly Bon Bons.

NUTS—We have made it a point to obtain the best nuts to be had this year, and we assure you the newest and best that money can buy. Fancy Mixed Nuts, extra fancy California Walnuts, extra large Pecans, large Brazils, fancy Tarragona Almonds fancy Naple Filberts, and the fancy No. 1 Roasted Peanuts.

CHRISTMAS TREES—We have them from 10c and up. It will be to your interest to call and look over our most complete stock of Groceries, Candies and Nuts before purchasing elsewhere. Our prices are within reach of all. Our stock is clean and appetizing at all times.

We thank you in advance for your patronage.

KOBLITZ & SCHNELL GROCERY

New Phone 219. 815 Rose Street. Old Phone 7153

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMINGS

Large assortment. Toys of all descriptions for the young folks. 10c Toys a Specialty. Christmas Candies, all grades. Beautiful Christmas Trees.

H. COOLIDGE

BOTH PHONES. 1820 GEORGE STREET

G.W. LOOMIS

All kinds of second-hand FURNITURE, STOVES, SPRINGS and CLOCKS

In fact, almost anything for the home, bought and sold.

1107 Gillette St.

Get Your CHRISTMAS CANDIES, ASSORTED NUTS, FRUITS, CIGARS

At A. E. Peterson 1553 Berlin Street

Have Your Home Made Cheerful

for the holidays by getting your old Furniture Repaired and made to look like new.

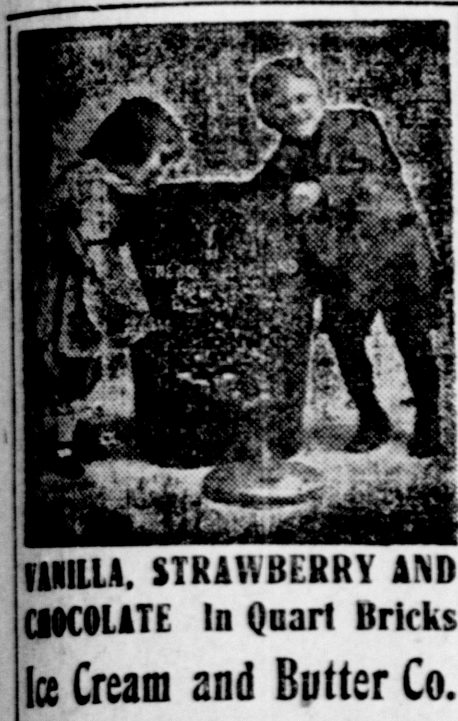
A. GILBERTSON

New Phone 541-C. 1353 Caledonia Street

Christmas Decorations

Evergreen, natural color, 20 yard coil... \$1.00
Holly and Holly Wreaths, double lapped... 25c
Christmas Trees, priced from..... 15c to 75c
Special Price as usual to Sunday Schools.

John C. Burns Fruit House



VANILLA, STRAWBERRY AND CHOCOLATE In Quart Bricks Ice Cream and Butter Co.

MORRIS & HARTWELL LAWYERS

ENGINEER STUDENTS INSPECT BIG PLANTS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—About 100 junior and senior engineering students at the University of Wisconsin left recently for their annual tour of inspection of the great manufacturing and electrical plants in the middle west and east.

In Milwaukee the party will visit the Allis-Chalmers plant, the West Milwaukee car shops, and the plants of the Nordberg company, Prime Steel company, A. C. Smith company and the National Brake and Electric Co.

In Chicago the plants of the Commonwealth Edison Co., the Buffalo Cement Co., the International Harvester Co., and the Indiana Steel Co. at Gary, Ind., will be visited.

The eastern trip will include Paper, Graphite and Power companies of Niagara Falls; the General Electric Co., at Schenectady, N. Y.; the Westinghouse plants at Pittsburgh, Pa.; the National Tube Co., at McKeesport, Pa.; the New York Edison Co., New York City; the Navy Yard at Brooklyn; the General Electric Lamp Works at Harrison, N. J.; and the steel plants at Hamstead, Pa.

Professors A. G. Christie, George J. Davis, J. R. Price, and A. L. Goddard accompany the students on the trip.

Whistler's Sarcasm.
James McNeill Whistler is said once to have confronted Oscar Wilde—at the height of the aesthetic movement—with Du Maurier, who was satirizing the Postlethwaites in Punch with all his might, and to have genially intimated: "Which of you two invented the other?"

If Ella can not tell who blew up the Maine, her sister, dynamite.

A Pint of Unequaled Cough Syrup for 50c

The Quickest, Surest Cough Remedy You Ever Used, or Money Refunded. Stops Even Whooping Cough Quickly.

You may not need the \$2 which a 50-cent bottle of Pinex saves you, but you can't deny the wonderful effectiveness of this famous cough remedy. It will usually stop the most obstinate deep-seated cough inside of 24 hours, and has no equal for whooping cough.

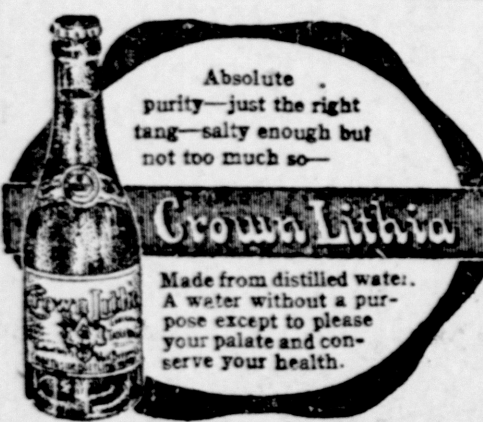
A 50-cent bottle of Pinex, mixed with home-made sugar syrup, gives you a full pint—a family supply—of the most pleasant and effective cough remedy you ever used. Easily prepared in five minutes—directions in package.

The way this takes hold of a cough and gives instant relief, will make you regret that you never tried it before. Stimulates the appetite, is slightly laxative and tastes good—children take it willingly. It has a wonderful record in cases of incipient pneumonia, bronchitis, throat trouble, etc. Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of Norway White Pine extract, rich in gualacal and other natural pine elements. Simply mix with sugar syrup or strained honey, in a pint bottle, and it is ready for use. Used in many homes in the U. S. and Canada for any other cough remedy.

Pinex has often been imitated, but never successfully, for nothing else will produce the same results. The genuine is guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money refunded. Certificate of guarantee is wrapped in each package. Your druggist has Pinex or will gladly get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

THE FASHION SHOP

F. A. REIMAN
EXCLUSIVE GARMENT STORE
Corner Fifth and Main Streets



Absolute purity—just the right tang—salty enough but not too much so—
Crown Lithia
Made from distilled water. A water without a purpose except to please your palate and conserve your health.



This ale as it is made today is different from anything you have ever tasted.
Nebel Gingersale
As the name implies is made from ginger, granulated sugar and fruit juices. Does not bite or burn the throat or lips.



Maxeen is a sparkling exhilarating beverage that leaves a delicious lingering after taste.
Maxeen
Combines in itself all the effective and wholesome qualities of the finest tonic without the presence of any alcoholic substances.

North Side Bottling Works

FATHER ACCUSED OF KILLING BABY

MENASHA, Wis., Dec. 15.—John Sokolowski, a Polish laborer, is under arrest here, charged with the brutal murder of his little son, three and a half years old. It is alleged that the father kicked the child to death. The boy died Wednesday morning. The mother was away from home then.

District Attorney Daniel McDonald ordered the father's arrest on a murder charge.

VIROQUA, WIS.

Rev. J. H. Beckholt and the Boy Scouts enjoyed a "weiner roast" at the court house rock.

Rev. L. A. Brenner, district superintendent of Methodist churches in this district, was in the city.

Mrs. V. Truesdale of Readstown visited here.

Henry Davis spent a day at Readstown.

Miss Gusta Erickson of Coon Valley has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Hoffland, near this place.

Miss Martha Neprud of Westby has accepted a position as teacher in the high school at Scranton, Iowa.

Mrs. John Stoll is making improvement at La Crosse Lutheran hospital.

Fred Eckhart has sold 500 cases of tobacco, mostly low grades, to the American Tobacco company.

Bees and Cranberries.

Cranberry producers at Cape Cod are calling for colonies of bees in order to make their plants more productive, practical tests having established that the activity of the bees in carrying pollen from plant to plant is a means of materially increasing the yield of this Cape Cod staple.

One of Life's Regrets.

Among the lesser regrets that mingle with graver sorrow for the friends of an earlier generation we have lost are our omissions to ask them so many questions they could have answered so easily and would have been pleased to be asked.—O. W. Holmes.

Eleven hundred pianos were sent last year to Manila alone.

PERSONAL

When in doubt, go to the Bijou. S. Hanson left yesterday for Milwaukee, where he will remain on business for several days.

J. Lusier is spending a few days in Milwaukee this week.

Coats and suits now on sale. This is early for us and an advantage for you. At Peets, 419-421 Main St.

J. C. Jordan is in Milwaukee on business for a few days.

E. A. Fradenburg of Milwaukee, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern Railroad company visited at the C. B. & Q. offices yesterday.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women. William H. Richter came to the city from Lansing, Iowa, yesterday to transact business here today.

T. E. Rabbin, a resident of Prosper, Minn., is a La Crosse visitor for several days.

Special sale of Furs for Christmas. Buy them now and get the comfort. At Peets, 419-421 Main St.

F. J. Ruland, who was visiting friends in the city the first of the week, returned to his home in Mindoro yesterday afternoon.

D. O. Stellingson went to Coon Valley this morning after a few days' visit with friends here.

Dr. Geo. Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

R. M. Jones, who lives in Bangor, is the guest of La Crosse friends for a few days.

Frank Zobel arrived in the city from Spring Valley this morning to call on friends today.

Messaline and Taffeta silk waists. Special for Christmas. Prices \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$3.98 to \$7.50. At Peets, 419-421 Main St.

A. I. Eggen, whose home is in Rushford, Minn., is a business caller here for several days this week.

Charles Dement, proprietor of the Hotel La Crosse cigar stand, came to the city from Dubuque this morning to remain here for a few weeks.

Electric fixtures sale. A. O. Colby. W. S. Ongman, a resident of Winona, is the guest of La Crosse friends for a few days this week.

W. L. Washburn arrived in the from Portage this morning to transact business here for several days.

A large assortment of fancy hose for Christmas, at Peets closing out sale. 419-421 Main St.

M. S. Hiles returned to Viroqua this morning after a business trip to La Crosse.

H. W. Jefferson of Sparta is spending a few days in the city this week.

Free! Free! With next Sunday Chicago Examiner, another beautiful picture. Don't miss it!

A. P. Carey, a resident of Richland Center, is a business caller in La Crosse today.

Odds and ends of knit and muslin underwear at the lowest prices at Peets, 419-421 Main St.

K. Marvin, who lives in Tomah, is

THE NEW JEFFERSON HOTEL

La Crosse, Wisconsin

The Best \$2.00 a Day House in the City

Frank Kohn
MANAGER

calling on friends here for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Fortney from Viroqua are spending a few days in La Crosse this week.

Free squirrel and rabbit lunch, given at the Bluff Arcade saloon, Twenty-eighth and Main.

Thomas P. Baxter came to the city from Dubuque this morning to remain here on business for several days.

D. B. Lang, whose home is in Sparta, is a La Crosse visitor for a short time this week.

Remember the "Scrap of Paper" at high school, December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Williams of Lanesboro are visiting friends in the city today.

J. J. Dunberry, a resident of Lansing, Iowa, is the guest of La Crosse friends for a few days.

Silk Petticoats, all shades, including black, for Christmas gifts, at Peets, 419-421 Main St.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Fortney arrived in the city from Viroqua this morning to remain here for several days.

Excellent carriages. Gateway City Transfer Line. Phone 179.

E. T. Minor returned to Ferryville this morning after a business trip to La Crosse.

Electric flat irons. A. O. Colby.

Emil Clements, who visited friends here for a few days, left for Bangor yesterday afternoon.

A big money saver on Christmas Handkerchiefs if you get them at Peets, 419-421 Main St.

Word has been received by relatives in La Crosse of the birth of a ten pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rennebohm of Logan, Utah, both of whom were formerly residents of La Crosse. The happy event occurred on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1911. Mother and child are doing nicely.

You may not be a wrestler, but don't let your imagination throw you.

:: SOCIETY ::

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' DANCE

With the hall more beautifully decorated than for any previous dance of the season, strung with multi-colored lights, the big annual dance of the Electrical Workers' Brotherhood was given last night in Linker hall. The floor was crowded with people, and a neat sum was realized by the union. The electrical effects which featured the different dances were unique and beautiful. Flashes and gleams of colored lights, spotlights and searchlights and every other kind of electrical effects were tried during the progress of the evening.

LAUGHLIN-INSTENES NUPTIAL

Miss Pearl Laughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Laughlin, and Mr. Lars Instenes, were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, 1447 Charles street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Finch A. Clark, pastor of the North Side Presbyterian church. The handsome home was brilliantly illuminated and elaborately decorated for the occasion. Miss Clara Larson played the Lohengrin wedding march as the bride party entered the room and took their positions under a dainty lace canopy from which was suspended a wedding bell. The bride wore a handsome gown of white messaline with pearl and fringe trimmings. She carried a bouquet of brides' roses, lilies of the valley and natural orange blossoms, the latter having been sent from Los Angeles, Cal.

The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss May Arnold of Streator, Ill., as maid of honor and the groom by Marcus Gilberg as best man. Miss Carolyn Owen was the bridesmaid and Frank W. Pitman, the groomsman. Little Helen Larson was the flower girl and Frances Morley, the ring bearer.

Miss Arnold wore white chiffon over pink messaline trimmed with pink fringe and she carried pink roses. Miss Owen wore white marquisette over pink messaline trimmed with pink velvet and chiffon and carried pink roses. The bride's going away costume was a king blue tailored gown with old rose trimmings and hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Instenes left on an evening train for the east where they will spend their honeymoon.

Those assisting at the bridal dinner were Mesdames H. J. Bullock, F. A. Morley, Sidney A. Main, Linwood Widrick and B. F. Stork.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome and valuable gifts.

The out of town guests were Miss May Arnold of Streator, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson and Miss Mary Allen of Galesburg, Ill.

FIVE HUNDRED CLUB

Mrs. W. F. Adams of 717 State street entertained the Thursday Five Hundred club. The first prizes were taken by Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Adams. Second by Mrs. Lapitz and Mrs. Woolsey and third by Mrs. Wallace.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kidder and son of Cincinnati, O., will arrive tomorrow and spend the holidays with Mrs. Kidder's sister, Mrs. E. E. Dow.

Mrs. C. N. Dunham was called to Ann Arbor, Mich., by the death of her grandfather.

Miss Eva Clarke of Davenport, will be the guest of Mrs. George Burton over the holidays.

Miss Mary Burton, who is attending school at Davenport, Ia., will spend the holidays with her mother at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. D. A. McDonald.

Miss Mabel Waters of Bunkerhill, Ill., is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Yeo, 606 Pine street.

The chicken pie supper and bazaar which was given by the ladies of St. Paul's Universalist church last evening was well patronized. There was a great display of fancy articles. The entertaining ladies were Mesdames W. A. Pryor, Waite, Sorensen, Blackek, Norris, S. B. Oatman and Miss Looney.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church will open their new and commodious room to the public by a bazaar and supper tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Stronghold of Wasps.

An extraordinary nest of wasps was discovered lately on the Bedfordshire (Eng.) estate of Lord Amphil, where a man, using three wire wasp traps, has caught over 4,000 wasps. The nest consisted of six tiers, which stood six and a half inches high, and measured eight and a half inches across. The cells contained grubs and young wasps in different stages of growth.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Just opened with a fine stock of unredeemed suits, overcoats, price \$3.50 up. Also sample shoes \$4.00, \$3.50 Douglas now \$1.25. Come early and take your pick. 126 South Third. A. Rollock's little store with big bargains. Strictly fair and honest dealing our motto. 12 15 15

FOR SALE—10 acre fruit farm. Address, F. Andrews, 1719 Berlin. 12 15 21

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness during the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Eleanor Kinne. Also the Rev. Ingham and Rev. Billings, and all those who sent floral offerings.

MRS. E. W. PARKER, MRS. R. D. HARRIS, MISS GRACE KINNE.

BIG SHOE SALE



DON'T forget this big sale of Shoes and Xmas Slippers for Men, Women, Boys and Girls we are now having; its the most talked of Shoe Sale ever held in this city. You will make a saving of 25c to \$1.00 on every pair of Shoes or Slippers you buy.

SEE MY WINDOW

WOMEN'S felt Juliet Fur trimmed 98c MEN'S Kid Slippers, Tan or Black 98c

LADIES' Fleece lined 69c GIRL'S Vici Kid Shoes Blucher Cut 98c

ADAMS The Shoeman

At J. E. Willing's Store

WISCONSIN NEWS

MAKES WIFE DRINK BOILED MATCH HEADS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 15.—"Drink this dope or I will force it down your throat." With this threat, Morit Berkovitz, a tailor, 730 Galena street, offered her a glass containing a poisonous potion with the intention of having her commit suicide, according to Mrs. Rosa Berkovitz, who had her husband arrested for assault and battery.

\$1,000,000 CAPITAL OF WISCONSIN FIRM

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 15.—Organization of the Wisconsin Securities company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, in Milwaukee on Thursday, marked an event in progress and development which its officers believe of unusual importance, especially to Wisconsin.

Friendship the Spice of Life.

In bearing the burden of this life, each has troubles and can rarely assume those of others. Friendship consists of mutual helpfulness, and nothing is more helpful than the hope and oblivion that are brought by good cheer.

CARELESS ABOUT APPENDICITIS IN LA CROSSE

Many La Crosse people have stomach or bowel trouble which is likely to turn into appendicitis. If you have constipation, sour stomach, or gas on the stomach, try simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-Lika, the new German Appendicitis remedy. Hoessler Bros. state that A SINGLE DOSE of this simple remedy relieves bowel or stomach trouble almost INSTANTLY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Wisconsin—In Probate—La Crosse County Court.

In the matter of the estate of William Gallaher, late of the Town of Shelby, in said County, deceased.

Letters of administration in said matter having been granted to Appleton Esler, of La Crosse County, Wisconsin, notice is hereby given that six months after the 6th day of December, A. D. 1911, are allowed to creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance; and that said Court will on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1912, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said County, in the Courthouse in the City of La Crosse, in said County, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1911.

By the Court, JOHN BRINDLEY, County Judge.

W. F. & A. C. WOLFE, Attorneys for Estate.

NOTICE

The undersigned committee of the County Board will receive sealed bids for 10 cords of rock more or less to be delivered at the County Jail. The said rock to be good, hard, clean limestone and to be delivered as ordered by the said committee.

Bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk, December 22nd, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Dated La Crosse, Wis., December 12, 1911.

W. A. BRADLEY, PETER LEHNEN, GEO. J. RITTER, Building and Grounds Committee.

MONEY IS WASTED

The spirit of Christmas leads many to spend their money for gifts that are little appreciated.

Who does not appreciate good eyesight?

Correct glasses means good eyesight.

Listen to your friends' happiness with correct glasses.

"THEN YOU'LL COME TO ME"

H. C. EVENSON

Eyesight Specialist

500 MAIN STREET, UPSTAIRS



SPORTING NEWS

CHICAGO WANTS
OLYMPIC GAMES

Lake Front Improvements
Bring Forth Effort to
Land Games in
Year 1916

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The new plan for improvement of Chicago's lake front by abandonment of the Illinois Central tracks on the south side will contain provision for a lagoon, several miles in length, where varsity crew races may be held. This was the information made public today, and with it came the hint that Chicago and Minnesota, of the western Conference association would organize crews. Wisconsin is at present the only university in the big eight which goes in for rowing.

Since the new parkway also contemplate erection of a monster stadium along the lake front, a movement was started here this afternoon to bring the 1916 Olympic games to Chicago.

Support is being given to the plan for bringing the most classic of all athletic meets to this city by Everett C. Brown, president of the Western Amateur Athletic association, former President Herrmann of the American Olympic committee.

GALESVILLE FIVE
ARRIVES TODAY

The Galesville quintet arrived here this noon and will play the normalites this evening. All is excitement at the normal, and many predictions as to the score are being made, all of which place La Crosse at the long end of the tally sheet. As a preliminary, two girls' teams will clash for honors.

BADGER AFTER KELLY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Eddie McGorty, the Wisconsin middleweight, has put it up to Hugo Kelly, Chicago's claimant of the middleweight title, whether or not the latter intends to give him the match which Kelly promised months ago. And Kelly's management has so far acceded to the Oshkosh fighter's demands that they have sent Kelly to Hot Springs for a conditioning. It was reported today that a bout would be arranged for next month.

WOLLEY GETS FIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—John Wolley, the heavyweight who is seeking a match with big Al Kaufman, was matched today to meet Andy Morris in a ten round fight.

COMMERCE ALUMNI ORGANIZE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—An alumni club, which will publish a monthly paper, has just been organized by fifty graduates of the commerce course of the University of Wisconsin, now located in all parts of the country.

MOLL OFFERED JOBS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—John E. Moll of this city, all-western quarterback, has received four offers of coaching positions—two in Ohio and two in Montana. His preference is for a Wisconsin job, and he is holding out for a position nearer home.

Moscow's Municipal Pawnshops.

In Moscow, Russia, the pawnshop is a municipal affair. Last year over half a million articles were pawned, having a valuation of over \$3,000,000. It is noticed that in March and April the poor element of Moscow keeps the pawnshop busy, and during that period customarily parts with its war, overclothing.

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WINONA DEFEATED
BY LOCAL FIVE

Rand Stars for La Crosse in
First Game of Season;
Gophers Outclassed
from Start

Excellent teamwork and good all around playing was displayed by the La Crosse basketball team when they played their first home game of the season against the Winona Y. M. C. A. quintette in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night and the locals succeeded in downing the upriver five by the score of 40 to 20.

With the exception of the first five minutes of play which were fast and furious and during which time Winona led by a scant point, the locals led all the way. Slowly but surely they forged ahead of their rivals so that long before the first half had ended they were practically assured of the victory.

By the end of the first period La Crosse led their opponents by the score of 18 to 6, and they grew stronger and showed more endurance as the contest progressed.

Every man on the La Crosse team played his position in faultless style while at the same time their teamwork showed up to excellent advantage. Rand at forward proved to be a tower of strength for his team, he making several sensational baskets in addition to playing an aggressive game at all times his guard having a hard time in keeping him down. His floor work helped the locals immeasurably for he was in the thick of every scrimmage. Peterson, Bedessem, and Evans also proved stars on the offense they making baskets from almost every conceivable angle, while Evans and Meinert, the guards, kept their forwards covered at all stages of the game. In fact they guarded the Winona forwards so closely that they were able to make but six baskets between them.

Tollson was the offensive star for the upriver five, he proving to be an accurate basket thrower as is seen by the fact that he succeeded in scoring five goals from the field.

The local boys worked signals in fine style and many times they got hearty applause by the manner in which they scored after a well executed play. Their passing was also excellent and they had their opponents on the defensive for the greater part of the game for they passed the ball around with lightning like rapidity.

This makes the second victory which La Crosse has won over Winona in as many games, the locals beating the Minnesotans on their own floor by the score of 38 to 26. The two fives will meet for a third time at Winona on January 26, and the La Crosse boys are confident that they will again win. On New Years day the locals will play the fast Hillsboro team at Hillsboro in a game which promises to be a great one as both fives seem to be evenly matched. The lineup:

La Crosse—Forwards, Rand, Anderson and Peterson; center, Bedessem and Stow; guards, Evans and Meinert.

Winona — Forwards, Huntington and Tollson; center, Nisson and Parr; guards, Busdicker and Cutler. Summary—Field goals, Rand 3; Peterson 6; Bedessem 4; Evans 3; Meinert 1; Anderson 1; Huntington 1; Tollson 5; Busdicker 1; Parr 1. Free throws: Stow 3; Rand 1; Tollson 4. Referee, Prof. Moore, La Crosse State Normal school. Umpire, George, Winona.

The second Y. M. C. A. team triumphed over the W. B. U. five by the score of 32 to 15 in a preliminary game which proved interesting and in which some good playing was shown. The second Y quintette proved too fast for their opponents and won easily. Lineup:

Second Y. M. C. A.—Forwards, Arenz and Krause; center, Pope and

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STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

NEW FIELD FOR
U. OF WISCONSIN

Regents Decide to Abandon
Camp Randall for
New and Better
Grounds

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—The regents of the university of Wisconsin at their December meeting which was closed here yesterday, decided to change the location of the athletic grounds in their future plans. Camp Randall will be maintained for the use of the girls, but the contemplated stadium within which will be the football, baseball, track, tennis and hockey fields, will be located west of the agricultural buildings and adjoining the shores of Lake Mendota. It is now expected that a campaign for funds for a new stadium will be made in a short time, it being planned to secure them from private subscription.

The regents also planned to make two of the houses, purchased a short time ago, into infirmaries for students. A fellowship was also established for a special investigator of pea diseases. The fellowship was provided by the Pea Packers' association.

Strum; guards, Falk, Garder and Erickson.

W. B. U.—Forwards, Donald and Romanowsky; center, Harold; guards, Genger, Anderson and Van Dow.

Summary—Field goals, Strum 1; Erickson 1; Falk 4; Arenz 1; Pope 1; Donald 2; Romanowsky 2; Anderson 1; Krause 5. Free throws: Romanowsky 5; Strum 1; Krause 3; Garder 2. Referee, E. Olson.

Business Forms.

"You say that picture has Rembrandt's signature?" "Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I don't remember exactly what the picture dealer said. Perhaps Rembrandt didn't actually sign it. Maybe he only indorsed it."

Doubtful.

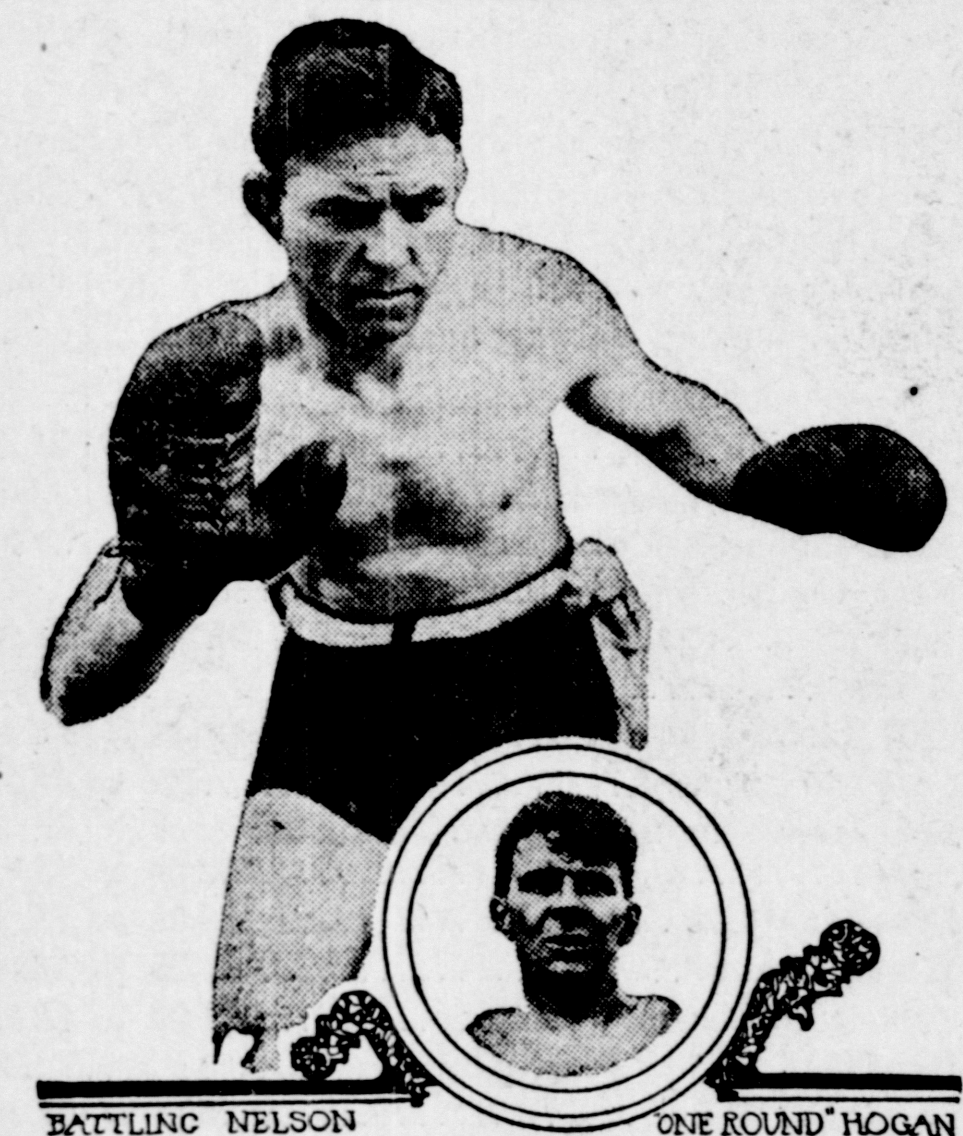
It is possible there may be a funnier sight than a dignified man with a long nose, an undershot jaw and bushy whiskers, trying to get a full drink at a bubbling fountain, but we doubt it.

Windows.

Most women seem to think that windows are made merely to be fitted with curtains that will keep out the light.

The French are experimenting with salt for keeping down dust on the highways.

BATTLING NELSON SIGNS FOR HARD MATCH



BATTLING NELSON ONE ROUND HOGAN

NEW YORK.—Batting Nelson is going to face some pretty tough going the middle of this month in this city when he will be asked to try his strength and skill for ten rounds against "One Round" Hogan the California lightweight. The pair were matched here yesterday and though no definite date has been selected for the battle it is believed that December 15th or 18th will see the men clash. Hogan has two other matches on, a return go with Knockout Brown set for Dec. 29th and a bout with Abe Attell. The weight in the Brown go is to be 133 pounds at 6 o'clock in the evening. The Brown go is optional it being off if Nelson decisively defeats the westerner.

Why Mars Is Uninhabited.

As the Martian year is composed of 686 days, each pole is exposed to the sun's radiations during a period of more than eleven months, so that the snow deposited during one winter is almost wholly melted before the following winter, says a writer in Harper's Weekly. A pocket barometer in Mars would register a pressure of a little over ten centimeters. This atmospheric pressure is so slight that the human organism, habituated to the bottom of the aerial ocean, where it supports a total pressure of 32,000 pounds, would be unable to survive. No human being could live; no mammal, no bird of the organic structure of the earthly animal, could resist such slight pressure. Water could not remain liquid.

Our trade with the Chinese empire decreased last year.

He Hated That Kind.

P. F. Jerome, the secretary of the United States Hay Fever association, said at the recent convention at Bethlehem, apropos of certain unpleasant hay fever symptoms: "These symptoms are often made light of, but for my part I feel toward them as the poor man felt in the dentist's chair. 'This man had a bad tooth pulled out, and as soon as the paroxysm was over he placed his forefinger on another tooth and said bravely: 'Yank this fellow, too, doctor.' 'But that's a good tooth!' remonstrated the dentist. 'It aches,' said the man. 'But,' said the dentist, 'the pain is only sympathetic.' 'Yank it, anyhow,' was the answer. Darn such sympathy!'"

CYCLISTS PASS
FORMER RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Old time race followers today declared the belief that all previous records will be broken in the present six day bicycle race, and that the final sprint of Saturday, which will decide the winner, will be one of the most thrilling ever seen in the Madison Square Garden. The old record was passed last night.

Many believe the race now lies between the teams of Kramer-Moran, Pogler-Clarke and Lorenz-Saldow, with the chances best for the American riders. Since Clarke and Kramer are regarded as the best sprint riders in America, many believe one of them will win.

Among the birds the swan lives to be the oldest, in extreme cases reaching 300 years. The falcon has been known to live 162 years.

ORDEMAN THROWS
JESS WESTERGAARD

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—No doubt remains in the mind of northwest wrestling fans as to who may claim the title of American champion following the defeat last night of Jess Westergaard of Des Moines by Henry Ordeaman of Minneapolis. The bout was one of the most interesting and cleanly fought ever witnessed here. Ordeaman won the first fall with a half Nelson and crotch hold in 57:35, but not until both appeared completely exhausted. Westergaard took the large audience by surprise with the suddenness of the second fall, dumping Ordeaman with a head scissors in 6:20. The third and last fall was bitterly contested, each man displaying remarkable grit and fortitude. Ordeaman finally obtaining a head scissors and half Nelson and throwing his opponent in 20:45.



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RECLAMATION IS TASK OF LEAGUE

National Drainage Reclamation Association Launched by Leaders will Push Newlands Bill

SEES BILLIONS OF WEALTH

Chairman E. T. Perkins Declares Great Task Has an Enormous Value to the Country

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The immediate drainage of the 80,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow land in the United States, the immediate regulation and control of the flood waters of every river in the country, the immediate development of a national policy for the control of the entire water question as a unit, are the aims of the National Drainage Reclamation association just formed in Chicago of men from the south, southeast, east, southwest, middle west and far west.

To this end the new association will get behind the bill introduced in the senate by Senator Newlands providing for the regulation and control of all rivers and streams, storing their flood waters and distributing them in times of low water.

It is a big question," said E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industry of South Carolina, "a tremendous question. But now is the time to do the work. Now is the time for the patriotic citizens of all the United States to say to congress—'We demand (not ask) that the federal government do its duty; we demand that the federal government drain the swamp lands, store the flood water, restore the forests.'"

"It is a great work," said B. A. Fowler of Phoenix, "perhaps the greatest work ever undertaken by any body of men in the United States. We of the west are with you. We will help you of the south and the east and the central states and the northern states to drain your swamps and to drain our swamps—for we of the west have millions of swamp acres to be reclaimed."

James R. Garfield, former secretary of the interior, and Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester and at present the president of the National Conservation association, were present at the organization meeting. Each spoke at length upon the magnitude of the work the association was about to undertake, each spoke of the necessity for a strong organization built upon the policy of national patriotism.

As the name of the association indicates, its primary work will be to compel the federal government to take immediate steps to reclaim the 80,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow lands that are scattered all over the country. At the same time it will give its aid and support to every other conservation movement, to forestry, irrigation, river regulation. The word "reclamation" in the name indicates the comprehensiveness of the aims of the association.

"We want to reclaim these 80,000,000 acres of swamp land," said Edmund T. Perkins, of Chicago, who called the meeting. "We want to add to the permanent wealth of the country five or eight billion dollars worth of land, and hundreds of millions of dollars to the value of the annual crops from our lands. We want Uncle Sam to do this for the sake of all his people—to provide more homes for his nephews and nieces, to increase the prosperity of the land, to decrease the high cost of living."

"Because every section of the land has swamp areas this is not and cannot be a sectional movement. There are nearly 14,000,000 swamp acres in the states immediately surrounding Chicago, in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. There are more than a million such acres in New York and New Jersey; there are nearly three million such acres in California and Oregon; there are twenty-five million, approximately, along the Atlantic coast; and there are more than thirty millions in the Mississippi and Ohio and Missouri valleys."

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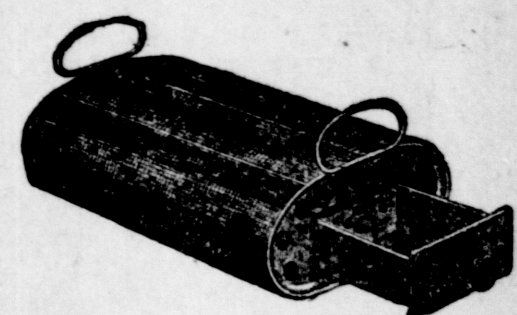


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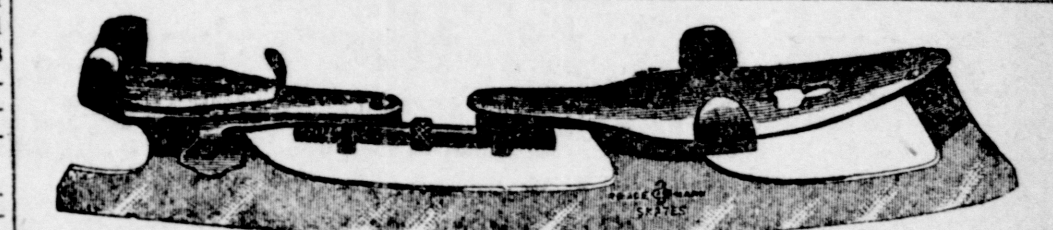


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"The only question now is how shall it be done. We all know that our congress moves only when it realizes the people want it to do a certain thing. It is the object of this association to become so strong that it can say to congress: 'We want Uncle Sam to drain the swamps in every part of the country, and we are going to see that he does it; and we don't intend to wait until our children are gray haired men.' And when the association is strong enough to say that—which will in only a short time—it will be strong enough to enforce his demands because it will have the backing of all the people."

MURDERER GETS 25 YEARS

APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Ernest Schneider, of Langlade county pleaded guilty before Judge John Goodland here yesterday to murder in the second degree, admitting that he killed Joseph Schiedermeyer, formerly of Appleton, on a farm near Antigo last week, when he struck him with an axe in a drunken quarrel. He was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary at Waupun.

WINONA'S TAX RATE HIGH

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 15.—With the Winona city tax rate at 40 mills for 1911, the citizens will be called upon to pay the highest rate in history. The figures were compiled Wednesday at the office of the county auditor.

SELECTS CHOICE OF MOST PROMINENT WOMEN



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, the well known writer and a potential candidate for the honors of mistress of the white house has become interested in the various debates over the country as to the selection of the world's 20 greatest women, living or dead. Her selection is based upon a wide experience and upon an intimate study of history particularly as it pertains to the activities of women. The list she submits is as follows:

Jane Addams, George Sand, Rose Bonheur, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Florence Nightingale, Isabella of Spain, Elizabeth B. Browning, Harriet Martineau, Nancy Hanks, Helene Modjeska, George Eliot, Ellen Terry, Susan B. Anthony, Olive Schreiner, Mme. Curie, Queen Elizabeth, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mary Lyon, Cornelia of Agrippa and Sophie Petrovsky.

FEDERAL PRISONERS PLOT

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 15.—Orders were issued at the federal prison to redouble the guard on the walls, owing to the discovery Wednesday night of what is thought to have been an attempt at wholesale jail delivery, the second to be discovered within two weeks.

WANT LARGER PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Increased pensions for all war veterans were asked by a delegation of G. A. R. officials, who conferred with President Taft. Harvey M. Trimble, grand commander of the G. A. R., who headed the delegation, said no assurance was given by the president.

CONFESSES ATTACK ON GIRL

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 15.—Declared today that Stephen Miller, a laborer of Highland, had confessed to attacking Miss Anna Krause, 16, last Tuesday morning. Bleeding from half a dozen wounds, the girl was found in a ditch on the Black Oak road on Tuesday. She may not live.

SAY SINGLE TAX PLAN WORKS WELL

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Since the single tax plan has become a demonstrated fact in Vancouver and elsewhere the movement has gained great momentum throughout the world according to addresses in Chicago during the National Single Tax conference. The speakers contended that the more equitable adjustment of tax for the maintenance of the government would reduce the cost of living by putting an end to the indirect taxes now imposed in the United States, would relieve the farmer of an inequitable share of the taxes and encourage thrift and the movement from the cities to the rural districts which has become essential to continued national prosperity. From the actual results in different places where all taxes were abolished but that representing the rent of land the speakers argued that the theories of Henry George were sound and would solve the many problems of labor and capital. Joseph Fels, founder of the Fels Fund commission, was present during the conference, also many other prominent men who advocate the single tax, including former Senator S. A. Stockwell of Minnesota, former Congressman Robert Baker of New York, W. S. U'Ren of Oregon City, Oregon, George S. Briggs of Elkhardt, Ind., and Daniel Keifer of Cincinnati. Mr. Fels, originally a Philadelphian, returned to America recently after a nine months' trip through the British Isles investigating the taxation reforms recently inaugurated there. "The agitation caused by revaluation of lands, started by the liberal party in England, is extremely significant, for, as Great Britain fades today, the entire world will dance tomorrow," he said.

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PHONE "INSIDERS" GET "EASY MONEY"

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The easy money for "insiders" of big corporations of the United States was disclosed in Chicago telephone affairs last week when the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. offered to exchange its shares for those of its Chicago subsidiary concern. The stockholders and "outsiders" were astonished to observe a rise in the market price of Chicago Telephone Co. stock from 125 to 133, no reason for this being apparent until the mysterious market movement had been under way for several days. Then those who had sold their stock were given the explanation, an object lesson in "easy money" making by those who sit on the board of directors of American corporations, or their friends. When the offer of the parent company, share for share, with the parent company's stock at \$140, was made public the market rise was explained. The offer was as follows: "We hereby offer to exchange American Telephone and Telegraph company stock for stock of the Chicago Telephone company, share for share. To be transferred hereunder stock must be properly indorsed for transfer and deposited with the Northern Trust company, Chicago, on or before Dec. 23, 1911." Several million dollars were quietly transferred to fortunate persons who were given knowledge of matters relating to the stock of which the stockholders were not apprised. This case was only one more to argue in favor of the British law, recommended in New York by Samuel Untermyer, which prohibits directors dealing in the securities of their own companies, makes them accountable to the shareholders and to the public. Many corporation men are now pointing to the Sherman act as the one which needs reformation, urging federal charters and control but neglecting to mention the shortcomings of the laws prescribing the duties of the directors to corporate affairs.

Wealth Not Deeply Hidden.
Men sometimes dream of enormous wealth, stored deep in the earth, below the reach of miners, but experts aver that there is little or no ground to believe that valuable metallic deposits lie very deep in the earth's crust.

Original "Yeggman."

The word yeggman is said to have originated from the criminal exploits of John Yegg, who, according to criminal tradition, was a Swedish desperado who operated in the Pacific coast states in the late seventies.

Everybody With a Halo.
A London doctor declares that every human being has a halo.

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SKETCH IS A FAVORITE ACT

Four Kids Come in with Comic Ling; Impersonator Presents Good Stuff

Strength and dexterity are the two characteristic of the Delmar and Delmar act which closes the last half week show at the Majestic which make it stand out as the premier act of the bill. Delmar and Delmar are two young men of stout physique who perform marvels on the parallel bars and do marvelous stunts of balancing and strength. Their act is characterized from start to finish by the snappy quality which makes an acrobatic act a hit. One of the stunts which elicited enthusiastic applause from the audience was that of supporting a bicycle, upon which his team mate was riding, in his teeth while standing upon his hands on the parallel bars. One of the team also performed the difficult feat of chinning himself six times in rapid succession with one hand.

"The Favorites," a one act sketch, portraying scenes in a training stable during a race meeting, proved to be one of the classiest playlets which has been seen here. It deals with four characters, a jockey, a trainer, a tout, and a girl, and a plot to "pull" a race is the motif of the sketch. Tommy Tones, the tout, was well played by Harry Fern, and the difficult role of the jockey was successfully handled by Harry Sullivan. Allan Bennett was excellent in the character of Buck Thompson, trainer, and Miss Ruth Meyers did her small part as Kitty, his daughter, in pleasing fashion.

"Those Four Kids" present all that is laughable in the way of comedy, springing an entire new line of comic ling. This is followed by entertaining dancing and singing that is out of the ordinary.

As an Impersonator, Great Weston & Co., as it is registered on the program, is certainly in a class by himself. The impersonation of a dozen notable men in the history of the world followed by a presentation of the late Queen Victoria was highly appreciated by the audience and was received with rounds of applause. Among those whom appeared on the Majestic stage through the person of Weston were Theodore Roosevelt, President McKinley, George Washington, William J. Bryan, Uncle Joe Cannon and Napoleon.

During the entire existence of the Majestic theater, perhaps there has never been a greater number of people presented on the program than the present half week. The bill contains the usual number of acts and all in all is a first class vaudeville exhibition.

WHITE HOUSE INDIAN TEEPEE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Led by Chief No Shirt, fifty Indian chiefs, squaws and papposes, gaudily decked with blankets, feathers, bells and silver tomahawks, turned the White house into a teepee yesterday. President Taft, hailed as the "Great White Father," held a brief powwow with the Indians, who presented a memorial from the Brotherhood of North American Indians, asking full privileges of citizenship for 92,000 Indians of thirty-two tribes.

Daily Thought.

Education begins the gentleman; but reading, good company and reflection must finish him.—Locke

WORKS WITHOUT FAITH

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"While a coffee drinker I was a sufferer from indigestion and intensely painful nervous headaches, from childhood. (Tea contains caffeine)—the same drug found in coffee."

"Seven years ago my health gave out entirely. I grew so weak that the exertion of walking, if only a few feet, made it necessary for me to lie down. My friends thought I was marked for consumption—weak, thin and pale."

"I realized the danger I was in and tried faithfully to get relief from medicines, till, at last, after having employed all kinds of drugs, the doctor acknowledged that he did not believe it was in his power to cure me."

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PRICES ARE HIGH; FARMERS LUCKY

H. G. Richmond Tells La Crosse County Society that Good Prices Have Prevalled

Declaring that the Wisconsin farmer is fortunate because of the conditions existing in this state and that no farmer has a right to complain especially when the prices are as good as they are this year, H. G. Richmond delivered an interesting talk at the opening meeting of the season of the La Crosse County Agricultural, Horticultural and Dairy Society in the hall in the town of Campbell.

Stating that the 1911 potato crop in Wisconsin is valued at \$1,000,000, that the state is among the leaders in the tests of corn, oats and many other small grains, and that the Badger state is first in the ten year tests of barley and oats, Mr. Richmond gave out some interesting facts in regard to the crops raised here. Wisconsin ranks first in the producing of cheese, second in dairy products, and has more silos than any other state.

He also told of the history of the society during the last twenty years and gave a report of the work accomplished.

To show that Wisconsin is a very healthy state the speaker produced statistics which set the death rate at twelve out of 1,000.

Mr. Richmond also said the university of Wisconsin has the best agricultural course to be found anywhere in the world.

A correspondence course is of great benefit to a person who resides in a rural district or one who is unable to attend a school as he can learn many things if he studies in this way said Sydney Dawson who spoke on the topic, "What a Correspondence Course Has Done for Me."

Prof. Frank E. Balmer, superintendent of the La Crosse County Agricultural school, delivered an illustrated talk on weeds at the session, telling of the different varieties, how they lived through the winter, how to find and remove them from the grain, and how to get rid of them. He also showed how to get them out of the seeds, large pictures of the seeds being shown by the lantern. An informal discussion was held after the conclusion of the talk and all entered into it enthusiastically.

Dinner was served to about 100, who were present, at noon and a committee to complete plans for the next

meeting on January 10 was appointed.

Raymond Barrett sang a solo during the morning's program and he was forced to respond to an encore.

BAR KIDNEY PUNCH

LONDON, Dec. 15.—English boxing experts, after a week of fights in which the "kidney punch" was barred, said today that the experiment was a decided success. They do not believe the brutal blow ever will be permitted again in this country.

Avoid Parading Troubles.

"Expectin' a man to find satisfaction in hearin' about yoh troubles," said Uncle Eben, "gives him credit for havin' a purty pore disposition."

U. S. WATCHES REYES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The federal authorities have found General Bernardo Reyes, Mexican revolutionary leader, it was said at the department of justice but he will not be molested. It was explained that Reyes is under \$10,000 bail to appear in court at Laredo, next spring, and that in the meantime, though he will be watched, he is at liberty to do as he pleases. No statement could be obtained as to his present whereabouts.

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CUPID'S DOMAIN IN BERLIN
Marriage Registry Office in That City Is Decorated With Symbols of Wedlock.
The marriage registry office is in all countries usually a bare and unromantic scene, with its unadorned walls, superannuated green baize covered table and general air of stuffiness and parchment. Modern Berlin has introduced a new fashion by setting the stage, so to speak, in harmony with the performance—or is it drama?—to be enacted thereon.
At the very door the bridegroom's hand grasps a dove-shaped handle to procure him and his blushing companion admittance and in the dove's bill hang two intertwining rings. The small passage leading to the office contains a smiling statue of Amor with bow and arrows, while on all sides, both in the passage and the office, is the eye met by the symbols of wedlock: rings, roses, hearts, locked hands and children's heads.
Even the ornaments of the lamps and stove are designed in the same spirit, while on one of the office walls is a large bronze tablet with verses appropriate to the occasion. In such surroundings, remarks a writer in one of the papers, it must be almost a pleasure to get married.—European Letter to the New York Sun.

MAN OF MYSTERY INJURED IN WRECK
MARION, Ind., Dec. 15.—George A. Kimmel, 50, the Niles, Mich., "man of mystery," developed paralysis of the legs today as a result of injuries received late yesterday in the wreck of the Baltimore and Ohio train No. 8, at Converse, Ind. Physicians expressed doubt as to his recovery. Kimmel recently reappeared at his "mother's" home at Niles after being absent for thirteen years. She says he is not her son.
Longevity of the Earth.
That the age of primitive man in France runs back at least two hundred thousand years has been satisfactorily proved by Lyell and other geologists, who showed that it has taken at least this long for the rivers to wear away their beds below the caves where they once flowed.
Practical Domestic Science.
"What is this domestic science?" inquired the engaged girl. "It consists of making hash out of the left-over meat and croquettes out of the left-over hash," explained her more experienced friend.—Pittsburgh Post.
Architecturally Speaking.
"I am the architect of my own fortune," said Mr. Dustin Stax. "Well," replied Mr. Holden Howes, "by being your own architect you're liable to get some curious effects, but you do save a lot of money on plans and specifications."

IMPORTANT WITNESS BEFORE GRAND JURY

JOHN A. KELLY
SAN FRANCISCO.—John A. Kelly, president of the San Francisco council together with other officials, both of the local council and the California State Federation of Labor are to be important witnesses before the federal grand jury now investigating the alleged nation wide dynamiting conspiracies believed to have existed prior to the apprehension of the McNamaras.

MURDER SUSPECT HELD AT BUFFALO
Assault on Girl given as Motive for Quadruple Killing Near Albany
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 15.—A man arraigned in police court today so closely tallied with the description of Di Danato, the young Italian charged with the murder of the Morner family, near Troy, that Judge Nash remanded him until officers from Albany could come here to identify him.
To Chief of Police Regan at headquarters, the man gave the name of Toni Mori, and said he came from Syracuse. He strenuously denies that he knew anything about the murders. Mori is about 30 years of age. He was nervous and unstrung when taken into custody at the Lackawanna depot early today.
Assault Is Motive
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Police of many eastern cities have been asked today to look out for DiDanato, the young Italian farm hand suspected of the quadruple murder of the Morner family, whose bodies were found buried in their cow stable.
Bloodhounds followed the missing man in the direction of the Massachusetts state line and there lost the trail.
The bodies of the Morner family will be buried Sunday.
As a result of the autopsies, the officials today asserted that a criminal assault upon the younger daughter was probably the motive for the crimes.
PALACE STILL STANDS EMPTY
Erected in 1902 for French Audit Department, Red Tape Has Kept It Unoccupied.
The Paris Matin tells a curious story of French government red tape. It says that in 1902 the government decided to create a special audit department, and a list of nominations to the various posts was drawn up. An aged reservist was appointed commander of a new building erected for the department in the Rue Cambon. He was told to take charge at once. The building was not quite finished, but within a month or two everything would be in order. Proudly the reservist took up his quarters in the vast unfinished palace. For days he walked through the immense building without seeing another human being. Fortunately he had taken the precaution to bring with him a kitten and a canary. For two years he saw no one and heard nothing, although he received his monthly salary with military punctuality. In 1905 the architect rushed in and breathlessly remarked that a little furniture would be brought into the building and it would then immediately become a busy hive. The kitten had become a gray-haired and tired-looking cat when, in 1908 the concierge, wearied by the strain of waiting, complained to the department heads. He was soothed by a promise that everything would soon be right. Finally his patience came to an end, and he resigned his position. The empty palace, which was erected at a cost of \$1,200,000, is still awaiting one or two slight alterations.
Pride in Saving.
Only well-bred trained people who are used to having things take pride in saving. They who have never had breeding or training and have never been used to having anything know nothing of saving. Most menials and beggars and spendthrifts believe squandering and big tipping and wide spending are a sign of big folk; aye, even of decency.

CHRISTMAS RUSH ON HUGE LINER
Lusitania in Record Breaking Task, Loading Holiday Voyagers and Presents
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Conveyed by eleven tugs the monster ship Lusitania was pushed into her pier early today, and then began the record-breaking task of unloading and re-loading her so she can sail at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the last ship to leave these shores and take holiday voyagers and Christmas presents to England.
As the ship came up from quarantine through the blinding rain and dense fog—a thing she never would have done on ordinary occasions—450 of the huskiest stevedores in New York, picked for the job, prepared block and tackle for the task of yanking 1,500 tons of freight from her hold and putting in 4,000 tons before Saturday afternoon.
Even before her shore lines were made fast, barges bearing 6,000 tons of coal had been warped alongside, and through her hatches the fuel disappeared like magic.
Ordered in advance by wireless, heaps of meat and provisions ready and were hustled aboard. A score were assembled on the bulkhead, and they were hustled aboard. A score of laundry wagons waited outside the pier, to rush to the wash the little mountain of linen that had to be ready by noon tomorrow.
The Lusitania is due in Liverpool at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, time for all her passengers and presents to reach the furthest parts of Great Britain for Christmas day.
"PRINCESS" HELEN YIELDS TO CUPID

MISS HELEN TAFT
WASHINGTON, D. C.—A current report which seems to emanate from an authentic source is to the effect that Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president is engaged to J. Cotton Smith, son of the Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith. The fiancé is a scion of the old Puritan stock, claiming as his ancestor, Cotton Mather. Rev. Dr. Smith will neither confirm nor deny the report.

LAST CHANCE!
ORIENTAL RUGS AND CARPETS

Saturday, will be the last day of this great sale, and the last chance to take advantage of the remarkable prices, made on the "New England Furniture and Carpet Co." line of Oriental Rugs and Carpets. Prices are still more ruthlessly cut tomorrow. Here are examples picked from scores:
20 Antique Kazadjes and Beloochistans, all possessing an unusually soft rich finish, ranging in size 2x4 to 3.6 x 5.6, special for Saturday, \$22.50 down to\$12.50
35 Genuine highest grade Antique Faraghans, Mosouls, Royal Fabistan and Hamadans—showing most handsome soft rich colorings with heavy textures. Size 4x5 to 4.6 x 4.6. Special at\$19.75 to \$40.00
15 choice Stair and Hall Runners, showing highest grade Cabistans, Mosoul and Iran weaves, with soft dark blue and old rose grounds. Size range 3x10 to 3x21 feet. Specially priced\$45.00 to \$125.00
8 Khivas and Boukharas, dark red and old rose back grounds, with a silky nap. Size range 7.6x 9.6 to 11x15, special\$110.00 to \$360.00
10 room size Carpets, featuring royal Kernanshahs, Nasheds, Funtazee and Mahals. All very richest high grade color effects that will go favorably with any scheme of modern decorations. Size 8.6x11 to 10x15. Special for Saturday\$165.00 to \$405.00
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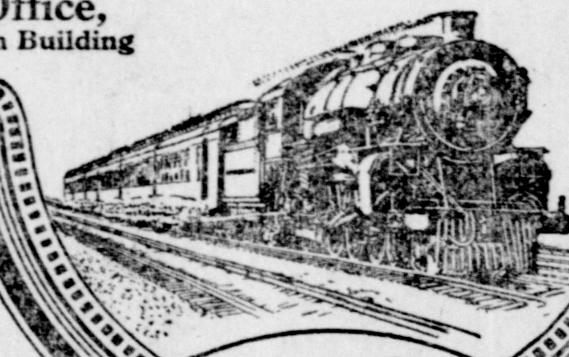
KING IS ANXIOUS TO GO HUNTING
DELHI, Dec. 15.—In splendid health and spirits, King George and Queen Mary returned to the royal camp this evening after a day spent in reviewing the native police, attending incident to the laying of the cornerstone of the new capitol and witnessing the military riding contests. King George is anxiously looking forward to his hunting trip, as the guest of the rajah of Nepal. The royal party will leave Delhi tomorrow. It was rumored today that the king had been assassinated but the story was denied at the home office at London.
The Wife's Part.
When a man decides to live on his wits, his wife should thoughtfully invest in a new washing machine.—At chison Globe.
In Right Places.
A witty woman once said that house-keeping consists in taking things out and putting them back. One might elaborate the statement by saying that good housekeeping consists in getting the things back in the right places, and easy housekeeping consists in having places enough for the things.
Found Valuable Pearl.
A negro pearl hunter the other day found a pearl weighing 47 grains in the waters of Lake Boteneau, near Shreveport, La., said to be one of the largest gems of its kind in the United States. The finder sold it in Shreveport for \$250, and the purchaser in turn received \$1,500 for the stone. The second owner was a merchant, but the third a professional pearl buyer. This last values the gem at \$10,000.
Simple and Effective.
My little boy, three years old, troubled me considerably by going to the homes of neighbors without permission, so I followed this plan, writes a mother. Whenever I give him permission to go I pin on him a little card on which is written the word "permission." When the neighbors see the badge they allow him to stay and play with the children. If he appears without it, they send him home. The card can be used many times, and the boy enjoys wearing it.
To Part Glasses.
If you ever have trouble with tumblers or finger bowls getting stuck together, set the lower piece of glass in hot water and fill the upper one with cold water. This will expand the one and contract the other enough to slip them apart easily.

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The Cadillac Electric Combination Stove and Toaster provides the easy, inexpensive way to cook where ordinary quantities are involved.
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BIRTH REGISTER IN SALT
Novel "Certificate" in a Bottle Shown to Old-Age Pension Officer in England.
Since the old-age pensions act has been in operation in England, says a writer in the Strand Magazine, there has been a great search for birth certificates, in order to enable those entitled to its benefits to claim their pensions. As the registration of births, more than seventy years ago, was not carried out as now, there has been a difficulty in many cases in proving the age of the applicants, and in one instance at least a certificate of an exceedingly novel character was presented. At any rate, the local pension officer said he had never come across one like it, and he was quite prepared to take it as a proof of the age of the applicant. When a child was born in this particular family a clear glass bottle was procured and partly filled with salt; then the letters and figures forming the names of the child and date of birth were cut out of a newspaper and placed inside the bottle, being put in their correct position with a piece of wire, and then more salt was carefully added to keep them in place. Sprays of flowers and other ornamental designs, cut from cretonne, were also tastefully arranged around the inside of the bottle, and then the whole was tightly packed with salt, and corked and sealed. It was then placed in a prominent position on the dresser or in a corner cupboard, where it has been for more than seventy years. The white salt shows up the letters and ornaments in relief, and the whole effect is novel and pleasing.

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Cleopatra, frail and fragile, like many thin people at heartily, and her guests wondered at the rarities of which they partook. There was everything there that gastronomy could think of, except mutton, an exception in favor of the divine Ammon with the hamlike head. Even the roast beef and plum pudding were not lacking, for these delicacies were as popular in Thebes as was the broiled and salted goose, with the good brown stout, and strong barley wine to cheer the spirit and assist the digestion.

How It Was in Rome.

In the golden age of 300 peaceful years under imperial Rome crime almost ceased, Gibbon says, because no man could escape the jurisdiction of Rome, for Rome then was the whole world.

Wake Up, Nick.

Nicola Naumoff, the Russian, who has just reached the age of 21, having murdered an insured fiancée for a reductive countless in romantic Venice, has, in his confession, related how this notorious dame had a little way of extinguishing her cigarettes on his bare flesh—just to see him wince, as she loved him best when he suffered.

Rivalries.

"Why do so many musicians speak disparagingly of instruments that play mechanically?" "I don't know," replied the gentleman from Circassian hair. "But I don't see why we should be more generous toward a mechanical instrument than we are toward each other."

One can't tell how hard a man is lifting by the way he grunts.

DEMOCRATS FIGHT PORK BARREL BILL

House Leaders Make Desperate Attempts to Clean Sand From Machinery of Economy Program

PUBLIC BUILDING BILL IS UP

Together With a Pension Measure would Mean More Than \$100,000,000 As Mere Beginning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—All of the energy of democratic house leaders was exerted today in an effort to remove from the machinery of their economy program, the large quantity of sand dumped in when the public buildings and grounds committee of the house decided to report a public building "pork barrel" bill at this session.

Representative Underwood and his assistants, who fought in vain to prevent the committee's action, decided today to carry the fight to a democratic caucus if necessary. But the committee was confident today that the caucus will be anxious to see that each congressional district gets its share of a "pork barrel" measure.

Chairman Sheppard (Dem., Tex.) of the committee who fought with Underwood and thereby lost control said today that last year's billion dollar session would be miserably compared to this if his committee insists on reporting the bill. Individual measures now before the committee, on which the omnibus bill would be based, carry something like \$50,000,000 for buildings. It is practically certain any bill reported would carry at least \$30,000,000. This, with the pension bill passed this week, estimated the cost \$75,000,000 yearly, will make more than \$100,000,000 before the regular appropriation bills are even begun.

Rare Optimism.

"There are very few real optimists," remarked the contemplative citizen. "What is your idea of a real optimist?" "A man who can walk to work just as cheerfully as if he were chasing a golf ball."—Washington Star.

Adhere to Lofty Ideal.

Never allow yourself to live habitually beneath your loftiest ideal, for, if you do, that ideal will fade from before you, as a painter's who might paint sunsets, but contents himself with painting signboards.—Henry Van Dyke.

The people who live uptown are not the only ones who have to get down to business.

DENIES STORY OF OFFICER YOLTON

Shell Post Says He Never Told Detective it was Best to "Leave Scott Alone"

RECORDS WERE DESTROYED

Webber Says Judge Cronon Tore Up Warrant at the Request of Mayor Sorensen

The defense in the police probe yesterday afternoon rested its case and in all probability the charges against Detectives Joseph McGrath and Frank Yolton will go to the fire and police commission for final consideration today.

Final arguments for both the defense and prosecution are expected today.

W. F. Adams testified yesterday that Frank H. Burgess of the Tribune came to him and asked him how much influence he had with McGrath. Adams is a brother-in-law of the defendant. He testified that Mr. Burgess said the best thing he thought McGrath could do would be to resign.

He denied that he ever told Bert Scott that he was sorry "it had come out" about McGrath and also denied that Burgess represented that he was sent to him or that he represented anyone.

Deny Yolton's Story

Shell Post yesterday afternoon positively denied Yolton's story that he had advised him "to leave Scott alone." He denied ever making such a remark when Yolton suggested raiding Scott's place Third street. Patrolman Frank Wolf, named by Yolton as one of the men who had given him a similar "tip" said some one among the officers, who had just finished a raid on the Pine street "dumps" had suggested raiding Scott's place but couldn't remember whether or not it was Yolton. He didn't remember anyone advising him to leave Scott's place alone.

Mike Hayes, drayman, testified that he had known Frank Scott for many years and had gone to school with him. He testified that he knew his reputation for truth and veracity in the community in which he had lived to be bad and that he wouldn't believe him under oath. In an effort to learn where he formed the opinion that the reputation of Scott was bad in the community Hayes could remember but one instance when anyone said they wouldn't believe him under oath. He said the man who said that was Chief H. H. Byrns, deceased.

Derr On Stand

In calling Gene Derr, former patrolman, the defense evidently was seeking to prove that Frank Scott enjoyed immunity from the police and that officers had orders to "mix" with him. Derr's testimony was cut out by the commission, and the defense rested its case.

William Horshak, patrolman, denied that he ever received three dollars for arresting a "bum" check passer who had worked Cushman's road house. He said Cushman paid three dollars at the office to Yolton and that the money was used to purchase trifles for the police department offices.

Chief Webber was recalled by the prosecution yesterday and swore he was out of the city at the time the general raid on the tenderloin was made.

Destroyed Records

The mysterious alleged destruction of court records was told by the chief. He said that on the night of a circus he found Henry Reget's saloon open after 12 o'clock. He said he sent the captain of police

in to order him to close. He said the captain brought back word that Reget claimed to have permission from the mayor to keep open. The chief testified that the next morning Sorensen denied giving Reget any such permission and that he (Webber) had Reget arrested. He said that Reget came up and went into the mayor's office, according to the story told him later by Police Judge Cronon, and that the mayor later went to Cronon and told him that the Reget case was "all a mistake" and requested that no record be made of it. Cronon, testified Webber later said he had torn up the warrant. Webber swore he compelled Cronon to make a record of the case.

Chief Webber admitted having talks with the detectives over the running of the redlight district but said that as far as he knew they had no more authority there than any other member of the force and

that they never had special orders from him to keep track of the district. He said that up to a comparatively recent time when he demanded that Yolton get him a list of the keepers and inmates of resorts no records of them were kept in the police department. This record was submitted in evidence.

A Mrs. Ketchell was called to testify as to the friendly relations between Yolton and one Bernice Rogers, an inmate of "Doc" Bennett's place. Arguments by Wolfe and an appeal by Commissioner Doerflinger resulted in the barring of the testimony.

"Yolton has admitted," argued Doerflinger, "that he was on friendly terms with and may have jollied the girls but I see no use in dragging in things that may reflect on his reputation."

Whale's Great Speed.

The finback whale is called the "greyhound of the sea." Its speed through the water equals that of the fastest steamship.

Initiative.

"It's the man that's a-trying something new that gets laughed at every time. And he is generally right—the rest are wrong. Somebody has got to begin and be guyed like a fool, and hide and starve, and eat his heart out—and then after years and years the rest of the world that was too lazy to do its own thinking comes a-strutting up to pat him on the back and invite him to dinner—and everybody comes in on the chorus: 'I told you so!'"

Australia Claims Healthiest City.

Sydney, Australia, is claimed to be the healthiest city in the world. At the Australian Medical congress, held recently, it was stated that the town has the lowest death rate of any city in the world.

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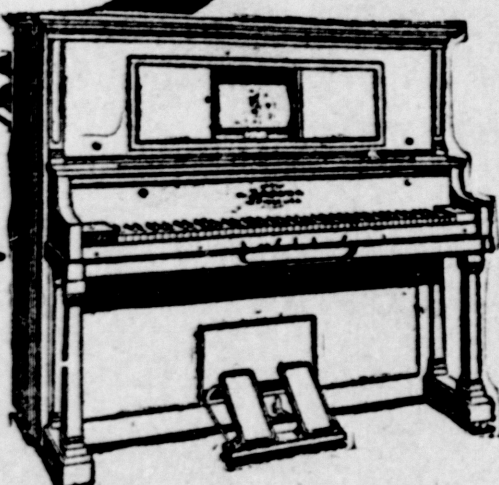
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ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A year ago when the National Billiard league was organized it created much interest but there were not many followers of the green cloth and cue who looked for the league to survive. However, the organization is prospering through the efficient management of the officers. William P. Mussey of Chicago is president of the league and Charlie Peterson of St. Louis is secretary and treasurer. Both are roomkeepers and star players but don't participate in the league games. The league is conducted much along the lines of baseball and individual players are not given as much attention as the cities they represent. Mr. Peterson is perhaps the greatest fancy shot billiardist in the world.

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WANTED—Experienced presser. Inquire 126 So. Third in A. Pollock's Clothing Store. 12 15 18

WANTED—Hustling salesman for high grade money making proposition to sell business men. Exclusion territory. If you have confidence in your ability, call on Mr. Gribble, Hotel La Crosse, Saturday and Monday. 12 15 16

HELP WANTED---FEMALE

WANTED—Dining room girls, at the Baltimore Restaurant. 12 11 15

WANTED—Nurse girl at 821 State street. 12 14 tf

WANTED—Girl for work in restaurant, 228 Pearl. 12 15 19

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FOR SALE—Grocery, \$4,000.00 or inventory buys long established first class grocery. Receipts average \$100 to \$125 daily. Fixtures and all equipment included. Address Snap, Tribune. 12 4 16

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FOR SALE—Cheap, good black asphalt coat. Inquire 1014 South Fourth street. 12 12 18

FOR SALE—Five acres Alabama tobacco land. Town lot, 20 shares sold, at a bargain. Dr. Watterson. 12 9 19

FOR SALE—Fine pianos. Pianos used. A. Ruhoff, 910 S. 7th. 11 1 tf

FOR SALE—Twenty room hotel in building Minnesota town. Only \$2 day house in town. Located on Main street, near depot. Write for terms. J. B. Pulver, Harmony, Minn. 9 30 tf

FOR SALE—Saloon in southern Minnesota town. Doing an \$8,000 business a year. Rent \$33.00. For particulars address, Saloon, Tribune. 12 15 19

FOR SALE—Raccoon skin lap-robe. Call 1143-A new phone 12 15 21

FOR SALE—10 acre fruit farm. Address, F. Andrews, 1719 Berlin. 12 15 21

FOR SALE—Grocery stock. Address G. C. care Tribune. 12 14 20

FOR SALE—Cheap, wood or coal heater; also dining room table. 401 North Seventh. New phone 104-C. 12 14 tf

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ASK WOODHOUSE.

FOR SALE—One hard coal burner, Monarch range and one small gas stove, used two winters. Inquire 1230 Jackson. 12 14 16

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 215 South Fifth. 12 12 18

FOR RENT—Four rooms at 429 South Ninth. 12 2 tf

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FOR SALE—House and lot, 137 South Twelfth. Inquire 121 South Third. 8 16 tf

FOR RENT—Modern furnished rooms, with or without board. 137 West avenue south. 11 25 tf

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FOR RENT—Five room all modern flat. Call either phone 128. 12 11 tf

FOR RENT—Five room house. 417 South Sixth. 12 14 tf

FOR RENT—MODERN CITY HEATED FLAT. LOCATION 1106 KING STREET. Possession after December 9. Inquire 1108 King street, or of Henry N. Boehm, care of the Continental Clothing House. 12 15 19

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, city heat. 922 Main street. 12 5 tf

FOR RENT—Strictly modern, furnished flat. Call new phone 1175-M. 12 9 tf

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FOR RENT—Two well furnished rooms, with bath and heat, in good location. 308 North Seventh street. 12 1 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, modern. 130 North Seventh. 11 28 tf

FOR RENT—Four rooms, 728 Division. Inquire 925 Market. 11 25 tf

FOR RENT—Having decided to move to Marion, Ind., the new strictly modern house at 318 South Eighth street, near Cass street, will be for rent December 1st. Hardwood finish all through. Call at C. W. Hunt's office, 325 Main St. monfrisattf

FOR RENT—Nine room house, 215 North Sixth street. Inquire 203 McMillan Building. 12 2 tf

FOR RENT—All modern house, also store building. Good locations. Apply 824 Rose or 822 Mill street. Phone 1093-A. 10 31 tf

FOR RENT—After Dec. 10, modern nine room house, 120 South Fourth street. Inquire Clark & Clark, 322 South Fifth. 12 13 tf

FOR RENT—Six rooms, upstairs; gas, light, water upstairs, laundry in basement. Rent \$8. 1619 Jackson. 12 13 15

FOR RENT—Both sides of a double house at the corner of Fourth and Pine streets. Very reasonable. Ask Security Savings bank, 110 North Fourth. 11 15 tf

FOR RENT—Modern city heated flat, \$22.50. Call 119 South Tenth street. 11 28 tf

FOR RENT—Rooms, modern. 249 South Ninth. 12 12 tf

FOR RENT—Hotel, fixtures and good will, reasonable to right man. Call or write R. A. Schultz, Tomah, Wis. 12 15 22

FOR RENT—Bedroom and den with private entrance, suitable for two young men. 1105 Caledonia St. 12 15 18

FOR RENT—Seven room house, 526 North Eleventh. Inquire of John M. Kolb, 723 South Eighth. 12 12 tf

FOR RENT—Small store building, reasonable. Inquire 223 North Third. 12 12 25

FOR RENT—Store 313 Pearl street. Inquire of Joseph Boschert, National Bank of La Crosse. 12 12 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room with board; strictly modern. 527 King. 12 12 18

FOR RENT—Thoroughly modern room. 214 South Seventh. 19 31 tf

FOR RENT—Seven room house, Sixteenth and Market; mostly modern. Rent reasonable. See C. W. Hunt, 325 Main street. 11 8 tf

FOR RENT—A suite of rooms with private bath and board, at 222 So. Eighth street. 11 14 tf

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Just opened with a fine stock of unredeemed suits, overcoats, price \$3.50 up. Also sample shoes \$4.00, \$3.50 Douglas now \$1.25. Come early and take your pick. 123 South Third. A. Pollock's little store with big bargains. Strictly fair and honest dealing our motto. 12 15 15

WANTED—Position as nurse girl. References given. Write L. B., 121, Tomah, Wis. 12 15 18

PRIVATE DANCING LESSONS. Call 909-M or 829 Pine street. 12 13 15

BAGGAGE and draying. Gus. Krueger, 1230 Winnebago. New phone 1263-A. 12 12 25

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Found
FOUND—Yellow fox dog. Owner can have same by calling at 229 North Third and paying for this ad. 12 14 15

Lost
LOST—Young Beagle hound, black and white with yellow ears. New phone 442-M. old 6461. Reward. 12 15 16

LOST—Ladies' black seal leather shopping bag. Return to 1835 State. Reward. 12 15 16

LOST—White spitz dog. Answers to the name Teddy. Call old phone 4353. Reward. 12 15 18

LOST—Automobile lamp. Return to Dietz Automobile Garage. 12 13 tf

LOST—Saturday evening between Fourteenth and Main and the library, child's small silver mesh purse, containing some silver. Finder please leave at The Tribune office. 12 13 15

Funeral Directors.
MILLER BROS., undertakers and embalmers, 320 Main. Phones 286. Open day and night.

Dentist.
DR. A. T. RASMUSSEN, Rooms 210-211 Linker Bldg., Fourth & Main. Office hours 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 5.

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LOANS MADE SALARIED PEOPLE on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons. No removal, no publicity. La Crosse Mortgage & Loan Co., 322 Main street, upstairs.

FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION loans on real estate. 11 6 tf

Architects, Superintendents
ANDREW ROTH—Successor to Schick & Roth. Architect and superintendent, La Crosse, Wis.

Had Approval of Clerk.
An Atchison business man, who has a small store, recently hired a clerk who was very shiftless. He didn't half attend to his duties. "I think I'll have to hire another clerk," said the business man. "You ought to," was the reply, "there's too much work here for just one clerk."

Bronco Is Unbroken.
Bronco means simply an unbroken horse, be it thoroughbred or mongrel. Most think them a bad, sorry breed as compared to old English thoroughbreds and dray stocks. Let us think not, for the wild horses themselves were thoroughbred Spanish and Arabian once upon a time.

DOMESTIC MARKETS

New York Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Lehigh Valley and Reading were the strongest features at the opening of the stock market today, advancing 1/2 and a point respectively. Changes in the other issues were narrow.

11 a. m.—After the early trading, the tone became heavy and all the leading issues sustained losses. Governments unchanged; other bonds steady.

Noon—Trading was dull in the late forenoon, but the tone became steady.

2 p. m.—The market became more active in the afternoon and stocks advanced.

The stock market closed strong.

New York Money
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call 4 per cent.

Time money 4 per cent for six months.

Bar silver: London 25 9-16d.; New York 55 1/2 c.

Demand sterling 486.40 @ 486.45

Kansas City Livestock
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Cattle — Receipts 500; market steady; steers \$5.25 to \$8.75; cows and heifers \$2.75 to \$7.00; stockers and feeders \$3.75 to \$5.90; calves \$4.50 to \$8.00.

Hogs — Receipts 13,000; market steady; bulk \$5.80 to \$6.20; heavy \$6.15 to \$6.25; medium \$6.00 to \$6.25; light \$5.70 to \$6.10.

Sheep — Receipts 1,000; market steady; lambs \$4.50 to \$6.00; ewes \$2.25 to \$4.00; wethers and yearlings \$3.60 to \$5.00.

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DAILY MARKETS

FRUIT PRICES LOWER TODAY
A decrease from former prices was today noted in a number of quotations on the wholesale fruit market, prices on oranges, lemons, grapefruit and cranberries being those affected. Apples are a little higher, being quoted at \$3.50 per barrel.

Fruit
(Quoted by John G. Burns.)

Apples, per bbl. \$3.50

Grape fruit, 54-64 \$4.50

Grapes, Almeria, per bbl. \$4.50-\$5.00

Oranges, Cal., 150-175-200 216 \$3.50

Oranges, Fla., 96-126 \$3.00

Lemons, 500-360 box \$4.50

Bananas, bunch \$1.25 to \$1.75

Walnut dates, box \$1.10

Apples, Ben Davies, bbl. \$2.25-\$2.75

Russets, per bbl. \$3.50 to \$3.75

Jonathans, per bbl. \$4.00 to \$4.25

Pears, Winter Nellie, box \$3.90

Persian dates, pound .8c

Celery 15-20-30c

Potatoes, bushel .80 to 85c

Cranberries, per bbl. \$8.50

Oats opened high in sympathy with the other grains, but prices dropped after an early run. The movement of the grain is slightly better.

Provisions ruled strong. There was a rush on the part of shorts to cover.

WHEAT—
May ... 97 1/2 99 97 1/2 99
July ... 94 1/2 95 1/2 94 95 1/2

CORN—
May ... 63 1/2 64 1/2 63 1/2 64
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OATS—
May ... 48 1/2 47 1/2 48 1/2 48 1/2
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PORK—
Jan. ... 15.55 15.70 15.55 15.55
May ... 16.05 16.15 15.90 16.00

LARD—
Jan. ... 9.15 9.15 9.02 9.10
May ... 9.50 9.40 9.30 9.35

RIBS—
Jan. ... 8.22 8.27 8.22 8.22
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Oysters, Standards, gal. \$1.25

Oysters, Can Selects \$4.00

Oysters, Selects, gal. \$1.60

Onions, brown, per hundred \$2.50

Onions, yellow & Red per hun. \$2.50

Flour and Feed
(Quoted by the Listman Milling Co.)

Patent, barrel \$5.30

Straight, barrel \$5.10

Mill Feed
(Prices do not include sacks.)

Brans, per ton \$25.00

Shorts, per ton \$26.00

White middlings, per ton \$29.00

Red Dog, per ton \$30.00

Livestock
(By Langdon & Boyd Packing Co.)

Hogs \$5.00 to \$5.50

Cows \$2.00 to \$2.75

Heifers \$2.50 to \$4.00

Lambs \$4.00 to \$4.50

Sheep \$2.00 to \$3.00

Steers \$3.50 to \$4.50

Poultry
Spring Chickens \$9c

Old chickens \$9c

Turkeys, pound \$12 to 14c

Ducks, pound \$11c

Geese, pound \$9c

Provisions
Lard, per pound \$10 1/2 to 11c

Shoulders, per pound \$10 1/2c

Hams, per pound \$15 to 15 1/2c

Bacon \$15 to 19c

Dry beef, per pound \$17 to 19c

Butter and Eggs
(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)

Creamery butter, lb. \$36 to 37c

Dairy butter, lb. \$32 to 35c

Eggs, fresh, dozen \$32c

Eggs, storage, dozen \$25c

Eggs, seconds, dozen \$22c

Hides and Raw Fur
(Quoted by La Crosse Fur and Hide Company.)

No. 1 cured cows, heifers and steers \$11 to 13c

No. 1 cured bulls \$9 to 10c

No. 1 green, cows, heifers and steers \$9 to 10c

No. 1 green, bulls \$7 to 8c

No. 1 cured veal calf \$15 to 16c

No. 1 green, veal calf \$13 to 14c

No. 1 green, veal kip \$10 to 11c

Mink prime \$2.00 to \$7.00

Grain
(Quoted by Thomas-Phalon Co.)

Wheat \$80 to 90c

Rye \$75 to 80c

Barley \$70 to \$1.05

Corn \$90 to 95c

Corn, new \$55c

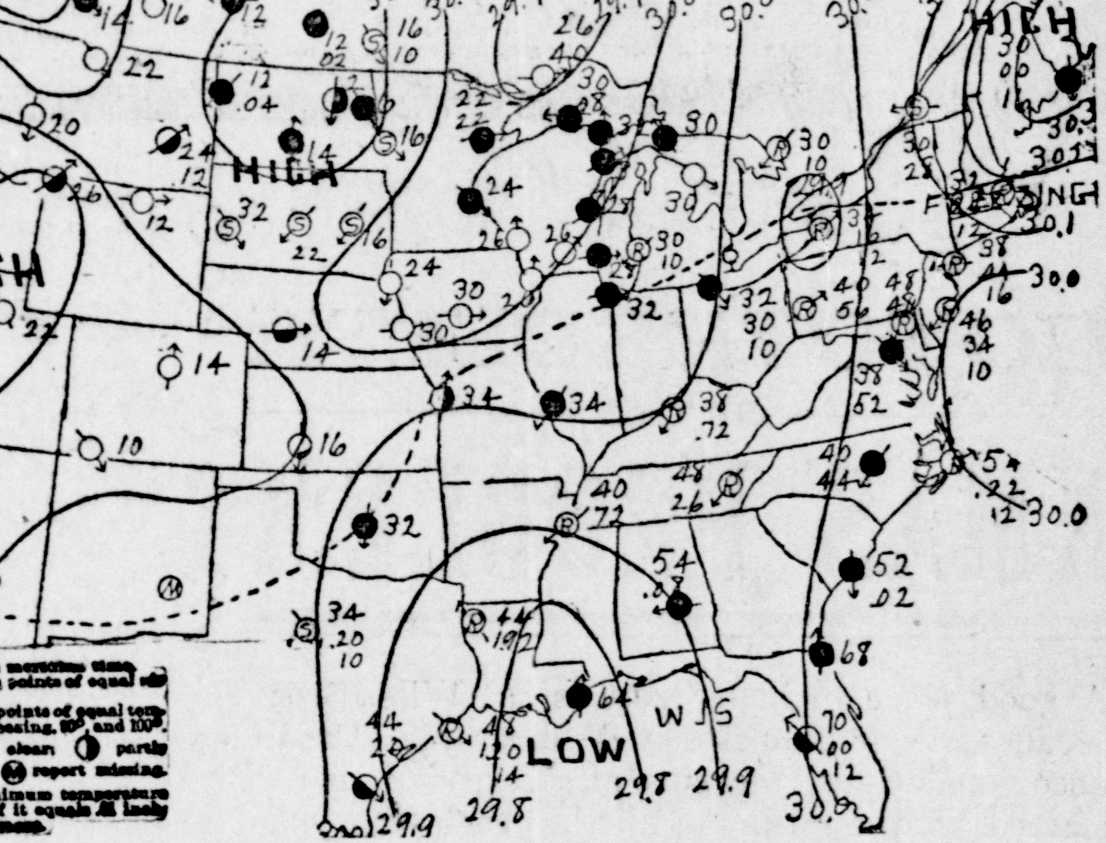
Oats \$43 to 47c

Some men rise so high in their own estimation that the altitude positively makes them dizzy.

STATUES SCARE BURGLARS
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Burglars thought the statues of St. Peter and St. Paul in the studio of Giusseppe Donato were human beings and dropped their lanterns and ran, getting no loot.

Weather Forecast and Special Weather Conditions

U. S. Department of Agriculture
WEATHER BUREAU
WILLIS L. MOORE, Chief.



(Lo) (Hi) (P)		(Lo) (Hi) (P)		(Lo) (Hi) (P)			
44 .44	La Crosse	26	34	0	Huron	16	38
42 .52	Madison	26	40	0	Kansas City	34	46
58 .0	Galveston	48	52	1.20	St. Paul	24	40
36 .0	Jacksonville	68	78	0	Boise	30	42
38 .0	New Orleans	64	76	0	Atlantic City	46	46
42 .12	Chicago	32	38	0	Spokane	30	34
44 .24	Milwaukee	28	40	0	Medicine Hat	14	32
44 .16	Bismarck	14	22	0			

ELEVEN—ONLY—ELEVEN

Regular \$12 14-K
Gold Filled Ladies'
Watches, Just For
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Watch For Monday's Bargain

GORDON WON'T CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—The little group of advisers which has gathered around Lieutenant Governor Sam Y. Gordon the last few days urging him to step into the governor's office in the absence of the chief executive and call a special session of the legislature dispersed Wednesday night. A statement was issued by Mr. Gordon, in which he declared that he had never sanctioned any statement that he would call the extra session if he did assume the office, and that his previous opinion had been that he had no authority to act in a case of this kind.

Thus ended what has been the most exciting two days at the capitol for many months or years, and it is asserted by many that, with the sudden end of the extra session talk also ended the hopes of the Gordon candidacy for governor.

FOG BLINDFOLDS CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A dense fog which shrouded Chicago until late in the forenoon today was responsible for numerous accidents on the streets. The most serious was the collision of a bus, containing twenty-five crippled children with a street car. All the children were thrown to the street and four so seriously injured that they were taken to the hospital. The bus was taking the youngsters to St. James' parochial school.

TAFT SENDS MESSAGE ON MAINE EXPLOSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—How the battleship Maine was blown up by the explosion of a mine was reported to congress by President Taft in a special message transmitting the complete findings of the board which recently inspected the wreck. "The board finds," says the president, "that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of a low form of explosive on the port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine, including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining forward magazines followed. The magazine explosion resulted in the destruction of the vessel."

GROUND BROKEN FOR CAPITAL AT DELHI

DELHI, Dec. 15.—In the presence of a great crowd, ground was broken today for the new capital building here. King George and Queen Mary, surrounded by their court, participated in the ceremony. Immediately followed the king-emperor review the native police. In the afternoon their majesties attended a military tournament and race meeting, at which cavalry officers competed for the emperor's cup.

The wrist contains eight bones, the palm five and the fingers fourteen.

PLAN TO PROVIDE CASH FOR FARMER

Yoakum Says the System Should Be Revised to Provide Funds for Moving Crops

ADVOCATES MARKET BUREAU

Government Should Assist in Selling the Crops, Says President of 'Frisko System'

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A change in our banking and currency system that will enable the banks serving agricultural communities to obtain funds on equal terms with institutions in the big cities, and the establishment of a governmental bureau to aid in the marketing of crops are two things needed to bring prosperity to the farmers of the country in the opinion of B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the board of directors of the Frisko railway system. Mr. Yoakum is now on an extended trip through the south and west and speaks from a personal observation of conditions.

"In the past," said Mr. Yoakum, "the farmers have allowed important national legislation affecting their interests to be so shaped, through political leaders, as to suit others, without consideration for them. It is to be hoped that in the matter of the proposed revision of our financial system, so vital to their ultimate prosperity, they will take sufficient interest to see to it that their interests are safeguarded."

"I believe that the provision of banking facilities better adapted to the requirements of legitimate business than those we have at present is of greater importance to farming communities generally and to the south and west in particular than to any other interests or sections. There is no more reason why, under a proper financial system, the farmers should be forced to sell their products as an unprofitably low figure or to pay exorbitant rates of interest for holding them than should those of any other industry. When cotton growers are forced to pay three-quarters of a cent a pound in interest, storage, insurance and other charges for holding their product this amounts on a 12,000,000 bale crop to \$450,000 and involves a heavy sacrifice to the owners, who in this case are the farmers. Similar conditions apply to our other agricultural crops. A revision of our banking system that will equalize the rates and terms offered to all banks in all sections is what the farmers need and in so far as the National Reserve association plan provides for this it is a beneficial one to our farming interests."

"As I understand it this plan seeks to bring about a mobilization of credit that will provide needed facilities for holding and moving crops on reasonable terms, and that in my opinion is one of its most valuable features. Under our present system, whenever money will bring a higher price in New York with stocks and bonds as collateral than it will in smaller communities on agricultural products, it may be depended upon that the money will go east and the farmers of the south and west will be practically forced by exorbitant rates of interest to sell their crops at any price at which the market will take them."

"Another important feature of the revised plan under discussion is the liberalizing of the banking law to provide for savings departments in national banks and for the loaning of a portion of these savings funds on real estate. So far as this applies to agricultural lands, it is safeguarded against speculation it will be of great benefit by providing cheaper money to develop our agricultural resources."

"In addition to aiding the farmers by providing a better credit system they should be assisted through the establishment of a bureau for marketing and distribution, which would aid them in getting better prices. With this, and with the adoption of a sound and equitable financial system the country will have advanced far in the right direction."

No woman is such a gossip as to repeat the mean things she knows about herself.

"What will people think?" is the keynote to much that passes for repentance.

COLLAR BAGS
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Our Ad
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MEN FOLKS PREFER USEFUL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Granting this to be so, do you know of any gift of equal price that will give a man the lasting pleasure and comfort that he'll get from a Suit or Overcoat? This being a store that daily fulfills the clothing needs of men of every taste, we're well qualified to help you choose a gift of this kind. We've a tremendous big stock of new Suits and Overcoats, tailored from fabrics that represent the best of foreign and domestic weaves. We've literally hundreds of stylish models, new patterns and new colorings. So many, in fact, that you're sure of finding just the garment that "the Man" would choose for himself. May we help you solve this year's gift problem in this new and better way? You'll find that the cost will really be very moderate

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Boys' Overcoats Saturday 1/2 Price

This includes all coats size 10 to 20 years, with velvet collars. Prices range \$4.00 to \$15.00, all marked in plain figures. Take your pick tomorrow at exactly **1/2 Price**

Thousands of Handsome Ties. Beautiful silks in the latest shades and colorings. In individual boxes, or without box at 25c, 30c, 50c, 75c.

Men's Dress Gloves, silk lined, light weight kid or mocha. Backs fancy stitched. Pretty shades of gray or brown. We have the famous Adler Gloves; each pair in a handsome box at \$1.50; others at **\$1.00**

President Suspenders for men need no description. They stand without a peer at 50c. Put up one pair in a nice holiday box, for only **45c**

Boston or Brighton Garters, a single pair in a neat holiday box, for only **25c**

Boys' Suspenders, plain or fancy webbing, each pair in handsome holiday box—two grades, 50c and **25c**

Very handsome Silk and Silk Embroidered Suspenders; each in pretty individual box, per pair \$2.50, \$1.50, \$1.75c, 50c and **39c**



College Bath Robes, something new, just what the college boy wants and will have. We have them in college colors, Princeton, Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Chicago and Wisconsin, a fine value at only **\$5.95**

Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes. We have a fine assortment at almost any price you wish to pay between \$2.95 and **\$10.00**

\$4.00 Men's Pants at \$1.79

To reduce our stock of men's pants, Saturday we place a big assortment of fashionable dark grey mixtures and a few plain black, priced regularly at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00. Special per pair at **\$1.97**

Combination Sets, including pair of Garters, pair of beautiful silk, each set in a handsome box, at per set 50c and **75c**

House Coat and Smoking Jackets, a carefully selected assortment in all fashionable colorings. These are beautifully trimmed, some have quilted silk linings and some lined with beautiful silk brocade. Priced as low as \$3.95 and up to **\$11.15**

Pajamas, made of fine outing flannels, French flannels, good weight, handsome colorings. Come in blues, pinks, mixed effects, also stripes and polka dots. Great values **\$3.50**

Others from **\$1.25 to \$5.00**

Blanket Robes, made from a soft warm fabric in blue mixtures, tans, grays and reds. One lot on which the workmanship is of the finest, equal to \$7.50 and \$8.50 robes, in the Christmas sale at only **\$6.50**

BENEVOLENT DESPOT IS THE IDEAL RULER

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Considerable discussion was caused here today by the publication in the Manufacturers' Record of an interview with Thomas A. Edison, in which he said: "I am inclined to think the best government in the world is that of a benevolent despot of great mental capacity, of which Emperor William of Germany is the type."

"But as benevolent despots are rarely found more than once in two or three centuries, we cannot turn to this form of government to secure the liberty of life and the liberty to do business and develop business which we might find if we could be safe in getting a benevolent despot in power on every occasion."

TROOPS GUARD TREASURE

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 15.—In response to wireless messages from the captain of the wrecked steamer Delhi, a detachment of soldiers was sent today to guard the \$1,500,000 treasure which is still aboard the stranded ship. There is small hope that the treasure will be rescued before the ship breaks up.

If your cat wished to go to sleep, would you get the cat-er-piller?

SOCIAL CENTER IS SUCCESS IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—So successful was the board of education's tentative tryout last night of the "social center" plan, by opening four public schools for dances and social intercourse, that it was stated today that the idea would be extended throughout the city.

Moving pictures, dancing, music, games and gymnastic drills constituted the program in the various schools. Between 300 and 400 young folks, chaperoned by members of the Juvenile Protective league, attended each entertainment. Later efforts will be made to provide for entertainment of parents.

BAD BANDIT MERE BOY

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 15.—After an exciting chase by a sheriff's posse, the lone bandit who has terrorized the residents of the upper Pecos Valley was captured today. He proved to be Paul Hartnet, a youth of seventeen. Two months ago he rode into a saloon at Wanburn, and with drawn revolver, raked in about \$200 from a table at which six men were gambling, making good his escape.

DEPUTIES AFTER MEN FOR PACKERS' JURY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—There was no session of Judge Carpenter's court today, where ten millionaire beef packers are on trial for criminal conspiracy in violation of the Sherman law, but deputy marshals spent the day serving summons on seventy-five men of the third venire. Efforts will be made on Monday to complete the jury. There are at present eleven tentative jurors in the box. More than 100 veniremen have been examined in the process of securing this number of jurors.

WINONA CARS ARE STOPPED BY MOB

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 15.—The receivership management of the local street car company today renewed their demand for adequate police protection following last night's violence by striking motormen and sympathizers. No one was hurt and no arrests were made, but it marked the end for the present of attempts to run cars with strikebreakers.

Most of us can find fault without the aid of search warrants. The gilded youth is seldom the one who belongs to a guild.

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There is certain to be a delighted recipient and satisfied giver if you present a Ladies' or Misses' Suit, Coat, Dress, Skirt, Waist, Petticoat, Hat, Girls' Coat or Fur, Men's or Young Men's Suits, Men's Hats, Sheep-lined Duck or Corduroy Coat, Boys' Suit or Overcoat.

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To supply the usual Fur demand for Christmas presents we have provided with very extensive assortments in opossum, muskrat, dog, goat, coney, wolf, fox, in brown, black, grey & white.

STORE WILL BE OPEN EVERY EVENING NEXT WEEK.

The working hours of our female help will be arranged to comply with the law.

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